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**IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH**

CRWP-2260-2023

Date of Decision: March 13, 2023

Usha P.Choudhary and anotherPetitioners

Versus

State of Punjab and othersRespondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE RAJESH BHARDWAJ

Present: Ms.Jasneet Mehra, Advocate
for the petitioners.

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RAJESH BHARDWAJ, J.(ORAL)

Present petition has been filed under Articles 226/227 of the Constitution of India for issuance of writ in the nature of mandamus directing respondents no.2 and 3 not to harass the petitioners illegally, restrain respondents no.4 to 10 from interfering in their life and to protect the life and liberty of the petitioners from the hands of respondents no.4 to 10, as petitioners are living in live-in-relationship.

Learned counsel for the petitioners states that both the petitioners are living in live-in-relationship against the wishes of respondents no.4 to 10 and have sought protection to their life and liberty. They apprehend danger from respondents no.4 to 10. The petitioners have submitted a representation dated 07.03.2023 (Annexure P-3) to respondent no.2.

Notice of motion to respondents no.1 to 3-State only.

On asking of the Court, Mr.Sandeep Kumar, DAG, Punjab, who is present in Court, accepts notice on behalf of the State.

Without entering upon an exercise to evaluate the evidentiary value of the documents placed on the file, I dispose of the petition with a direction to respondent no.2, i.e. Senior Superintendent of Police, District Amritsar, Punjab, to decide the representation, dated 07.03.2023 (Annexure P-3) of petitioners and grant them protection, if any threat to their life and liberty is perceived. It is clarified that this order shall not be taken to grant immunity to the petitioners from legal action for violation of law, if any, committed by them. This order would not be understood having expressed any opinion whatsoever by this Court on the validity of live-in-relationship of the petitioners.

Disposed of.

March 13, 2023
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(RAJESH BHARDWAJ)
JUDGE

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| 1. | Whether speaking/reasoned ? | Yes/No |
| 2. | Whether reportable ? | Yes/No |