

**In the High Court for the States of Punjab and Haryana
At Chandigarh**

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CRWP-2612-2023
Date of Decision:-20.03.2023

PAYAL VERMA AND ANR

... Petitioners

Versus

STATE OF PUNJAB AND ORS

... Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE GURVINDER SINGH GILL

Present:- Ms. Himani Kapila, Advocate for the petitioners.

GURVINDER SINGH GILL, J.(Oral)

1. Petitioner No.1-Payal Verma aged about 33 years who is already married to Deepak Kumar Babbar and petitioner No.2-Ritesh Nischal aged about 35 years who is already married to respondent No. 7-Nidhi Luthra both of whom are in a 'live-in' relationship, have approached this Court seeking issuance of a direction to official respondents to protect their lives and liberty as they apprehend threat to the same at the hands of respondent Nos.4 to 7, who do not approve of their 'live-in' relationship.
2. Having heard the learned counsel for the petitioners and without commenting anything as regards the veracity of the averments made in the petition and also as regards the sanctity of alleged relationship of the petitioners, the petition is disposed of with a direction to respondent No.2-Senior Superintendent of Police, Pathankot, District Pathankot to look into the matter and to dispose off the representation dated 15.03.2023 (Annexure P-5) in accordance with law. In case, it is found that there is a genuine threat to the lives and liberty of the petitioners, then necessary steps warranted under law be taken thereupon at the earliest so as to ensure that no harm is caused to the petitioners.

3. A copy of this order alongwith copy of the representation dated 15.03.2023 (Annexure P-5) be sent to respondent No.2-Senior Superintendent of Police, Pathankot, District Pathankot, so as to enable him to do the needful expeditiously.
4. It is, however, clarified that the aforesaid order shall not be taken to be any expression as regards the alleged relationship of the petitioners and shall not confer any immunity upon the petitioners, in case it is found that they have committed any wrong.

20.03.2023

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(GURVINDER SINGH GILL)
JUDGE

Whether speaking /reasoned	Yes / No
Whether Reportable	Yes / No