

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

CRWP-3396-2023

Date of Decision: 12.04.2023

Ramandeep Kaur and another

..... Petitioners

Versus

State of Punjab and others

.....Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE RAJESH BHARDWAJ

Present: Mr. Vineet Sachdeva, Advocate, for the petitioners.

Rajesh Bhardwaj, J. (ORAL)

The present petition has been filed under Articles 226/227 of Constitution of India read with Section 482 Cr.P.C. for issuance of direction in the nature of mandamus directing respondents No.2 and 3 to protect the lives and personal liberty of the petitioners from the hands of respondents No.4 to 7 and further directing the respondents No.2 to 3 not to allow/let respondents No.4 to 7 or anybody else to interfere with the liberty and lives of the petitioners or to harass them in any manner against their wishes or to cause any detriment to the petitioners in any manner.

Learned counsel for the petitioners states that both the petitioners are major but petitioner No.2 is not of marriageable age and as such they are living in live-in-relationship against the wishes of respondents No.4 to 7 and have sought protection to their life and liberty. They apprehend danger from respondents no.4 to 7. The petitioners have submitted a representation dated 06.04.2023 (Annexure P-4) to respondent no.2 for granting some protection to their life and liberty.

Notice of motion to the official respondents only.

Mr. Sandeep Kumar, Deputy Advocate General, Punjab 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-Senior Superintendent of Police, Patiala, to decide the representation (Annexure P-4) of the 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 their live-in relationship.

Disposed of.

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Whether Speaking/Reasoned
Whether Reportable

(RAJESH BHARDWAJ)
JUDGE

: Yes/No
: Yes/No