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

**CRWP No.4827 of 2023
Date of Decision: 18.05.2023**

Manpreet Kaur and Anr.

.....Petitioners

Versus

State of Punjab and Ors.

.....Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE RAJESH BHARDWAJ

Present: Mr. Imran Farooqi, Advocate for the petitioners.

RAJESH BHARDWAJ, J

Present petition has been filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India for directing respondents no.2 and 3 to protect the life and liberty of the petitioners from the hands of respondents no.4 to 6.

Learned counsel for the petitioners states that both the petitioners are major and are in live-in-relationship against the wishes of respondents no.4 to 6 and have sought protection to their life and liberty. They apprehend danger from respondents no.4 to 6. The petitioners have submitted a representation dated 12.05.2023 (Annexure P-3) to respondent no.2.

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

On the asking of the Court, Mr. Sandeep Kumar, DAG, 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-Sr.Superintendent of Police, Malerkotla to decide the representation (Annexure P-3) 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

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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

May 18, 2023
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(RAJESH BHARDWAJ)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned: Yes/No

Whether Reportable: Yes/No