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

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CRWP-6003-2023

Date of decision: 15.06.2023

Sonia Sharma and another

...Petitioners

Versus

State of Punjab and others

...Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE VINOD S. BHARDWAJ

Present: Mr. Nimish Gautam, Advocate for
Mr. Chandan Singh Rana, Advocate
for the petitioners.

Mr. Charanpreet Singh, AAG, Punjab.

VINOD S. BHARDWAJ, J. (Oral)

1. The petitioners namely Sonia Sharma and Mandeep Singh have approached this Court under Articles 226/227 of the Constitution of India for seeking protection of their life and personal liberty from private respondents No. 4. to 6.

2. Learned counsel for the petitioners *inter alia* contends that the petitioners are major and are staying together in live-in relationship. However, their relationship is not acceptable to the private respondents No. 4 to 6 and as a result thereof, the private respondents No. 4 to 6 are threatening the petitioners. A representation dated 11.06.2023 (Annexure P-4) against the threat extended at the hands of the private respondents No. 4 to 6 already stands submitted by the petitioners to the respondent No.2- Sr. Superintendent of Police, Khanna, District.

3. The petitioners apprehend threat to their lives and claim that there is a constant danger of being implicated in a false case.

4. Notice of motion restricted to respondents No.1 to 3 only.

5. Pursuant to supply of advance copy, Mr. Charanpreet Singh, AAG, Punjab, who is present in the Court, accepts notice on behalf of respondents No.1 to 3.

6. Learned State counsel has no objection if appropriate direction for providing requisite protection to the petitioners is given.
7. As such, the petition is disposed of with the directions to respondent No.2- Sr. Superintendent of Police, Khanna, District Khanna to look into the grievances of the petitioners as set out in the petition and also expressed in the representation dated 11.06.2023 (Annexure P-4) and take appropriate action for protection of their lives and liberty as may be warranted by the circumstances.
8. However, it is clarified that in case any criminal case has been/is registered against the petitioners nothing in this order shall be construed as a bar for taking appropriate action by the police authorities in respect thereof in accordance with law.
9. The Registry is directed to send a copy of this order along with copy of the petition and above-said representation to respondent No.2-Sr. Superintendent of Police, Khanna, District Khanna, for requisite compliance.
10. The petition is disposed of.

(VINOD S. BHARDWAJ)
JUDGE

15.06.2023
Harish Kumar

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