

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

**CRWP No. 6550 of 2023
Date of decision: 05.07.2023**

Harpreet Singh and another Petitioners

Versus

State of Punjab and others Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL

Present:- Ms. Himani, Advocate, for
Mr. Chandan Singh Rana, Advocate, for the petitioners.

Mr. Luvinder Sofat, DAG, Punjab, for respondents No. 1 to 3.

ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL, J. (ORAL)

The petitioners are seeking a direction to the official respondents to protect their life and liberty, as they are stated to be in a live-in relationship.

2. Learned counsel for the petitioners contends that petitioner No.1 is over 18 years of age and petitioner No.2 shall attain the age of 18 years on 17.08.2023. They are stated to be in a live-in relationship. She has referred to the judgment of a Coordinate Bench of this Court in the case of Gurdeep Singh and another versus State of Punjab and others, CRWP No. 8435 of 2022, decided on 02.09.2022, wherein petitioner No. 2 was 17 years of age and the Senior Superintendent of Police had been directed to look into the matter and pass an appropriate order on the representation allegedly filed by the petitioners therein and take steps, if necessary, in accordance with law.

She has drawn my attention to the representation dated 01.07.2023

(Annexure P-3) sent by the petitioners to the Senior Superintendent of Police, Ludhiana Rural (respondent No. 2).

3. Issue notice to respondents No. 1 to 3 only at this stage.
4. At the asking of the Court, Mr. Luvinder Sofat, DAG, Punjab, accepts notice on behalf of respondents No. 1 to 3.
5. Heard. Without making any observations on the legality of the relationship or expressing any opinion on the merits of the case, the petition is disposed of with a direction to the Senior Superintendent of Police, Ludhiana Rural (respondent No. 2) to look into the representation dated 01.07.2023 (Annexure P-3) and after assessing threat perception, take appropriate action, if necessary, in accordance with law to protect the life and liberty of the petitioners.
6. However, it is clarified that this order shall not protect the petitioners from any legal proceedings instituted against them in accordance with law.

(ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL)
JUDGE

05.07.2023
Ramesh

Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes/No
Whether reportable : Yes/No