

2023:PHHC:095433

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT CHANDIGARH

120 **CRWP-7356-2023**
DATE OF DECISION: 27.07.2023

DEEPAK KUMAR AND ANR ... Petitioner (s)

Versus

STATE OF PUNJAB AND OTHERS ... Respondent(s)

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL

Present: Mr. Nitin Sharma, Advocate for the petitioners.

Mr. Luvinder Sofat, DAG, Punjab.

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 submits that the petitioners are earlier married but they have been separated from their spouse. Learned counsel has referred to the judgment of this Court in the case of **Sarabjeet Kaur and another versus State of Punjab and others**, in CRWP No.102 of 2022, decided on 07.01.2022, wherein under somewhat similar circumstances when the parties who were earlier married and divorce had not been obtained, were in live-in relationship, this Court had directed the respondents to consider and decide their representation and after assessing threat perception, take appropriate action in accordance with law. He has drawn my attention to the representation dated 19.07.2023 (Annexure P-3) sent by the petitioners to respondent No. 2 –Senior Superintendent of Police, Kapurthala.

3. Issue notice to respondents No.1 to 3 only at this stage. At the asking of the Court, Mr. Luvinder Sofat, DAG, Punjab, accepts notice on behalf of respondents No.1 to 3.
4. 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 respondent No. 2–Senior Superintendent of Police, Kapurthala, to look into the representation dated 19.07.2023 (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.
5. 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

27.07.2023

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