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IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT CHANDIGARH

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CRWP-7481-2023

DATE OF DECISION: 31.07.2023

MANDEEP KAUR AND ANOTHER

... Petitioner (s)

Versus

STATE OF PUNJAB AND OTHERS

... Respondent(s)

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL

Present: Ms. Vertika, Advocate for
Mr. Lupil Gupta, Advocate for the petitioners.

Mr. Shubham Kaushik, AAG, 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 petitioner No.1 is earlier married but she has been separated from her spouse but divorce is yet to be obtained while petitioner No.2 is unmarried. 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 23.07.2023 (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. Shubham Kaushik, AAG, 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 23.07.2023 (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

31.07.2023

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