

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT
CHANDIGARH

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CRWP-8223-2023 (O&M)
Date of decision: 21.08.2023

Deep Kaur and another

...Petitioners

Versus

State of Punjab and others

...Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE VIKAS SURI

Present: Ms. Komal Thakur, Advocate for the petitioners.

VIKAS SURI, J. (Oral)

1. This is a petition under Article 226/227 of the Constitution of India filed by the petitioners, who claimed themselves to be major. They have pleaded that they are in live-in relationship and respondent Nos. 4 to 8 are against that relationship. They apprehend danger from them and seek protection of their life and liberty. The petitioners have also submitted a joint representation dated 16.08.2023 (Annexure P-3) seeking protection of their life and liberty to respondent No.2-Senior Superintendent of Police, District Gurdaspur, but no action has been taken so far. In the aforesaid circumstances, seeking protection of their life and liberty, petitioners have approached this Court by way of the present petition.

2. Notice of motion to the official respondents only at this stage.

3. Mr. Sanish Girdhar, AAG, Punjab, who as advance notice of the petition, accepts notice on behalf of the official respondents-State and waives service.

4. Without commenting on the validity of the alleged live-in relationship of the petitioners and entering upon an exercise to evaluate the evidentiary value of the documents placed on the file, I dispose of this petition with directions to respondent No.2 to decide the representation of the petitioners (Annexure P-3) within a period of 10 days from the date of receipt of a copy of this order and grant them protection, if any threat to their life and liberty is perceived.

5. It is made clear that this order shall not be taken to validate the alleged live-in relationship or to protect the petitioners from legal action for violation of law, if any, committed by them.

August 21, 2023
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(VIKAS SURI)
JUDGE

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