

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT
CHANDIGARH

(108)

CRWP-8851-2023

Date of Decision:- 11.09.2023

Mehakpreet Kaur and another

...Petitioners

Versus

State of Punjab and others

...Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SUVIR SEHGAL

Present: Ms. Nainika Jain, Advocate
for the petitioners.

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SUVIR SEHGAL, J. (Oral)

1. Mehakpreet Kaur, daughter of Ravinder Singh, petitioner No.1, claims to be 16 years, 7 months, and Varinder Singh, son of Jaswant Singh, petitioner No.2, claims to be 24 years of age. They have pleaded that they are in live-in relationship against the wishes of respondents No.4 to 8 and seek protection to their life and liberty. They apprehend danger from respondents No.4 to 8.

2. The petitioners have submitted a representation dated 01.09.2023, Annexure P-3, to respondent No.2 – The Senior Superintendent of Police, S.A.S. Nagar (Mohali). Counsel for the petitioners has relied upon a judgment of this Court in *CRWP-2139-2022 titled as “P Versus State of Haryana and others”* decided on 28.03.2022, Annexure P-4, and submitted that this Court had entertained petition for protection of couples in live-in relationship, even

though one of the petitioners was a minor.

3. Without entering upon an exercise to evaluate the evidentiary value of the documents placed on the file, petition is disposed of with direction to respondent No.2 to decide the representation, Annexure P-3, and grant them protection, if any threat to their life and liberty is perceived. Respondents shall take further action keeping in view of the provisions of Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act, 2015. It is made clear that this order shall not be taken to protect the petitioners from legal action for violation of law, if any, committed by them.

(SUVIR SEHGAL)
JUDGE

11.09.2023
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Whether Speaking/Reasoned	Yes/No
Whether Reportable	Yes/No