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

CRWP-9043-2023

Date of Decision: 14.09.2023

Manisha Rani and another

..... Petitioners

Versus

State of Punjab and others

..... Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE JASGURPREET SINGH PURI

Present: Mr. Aarish Kamboj, Advocate,
for the petitioners.

JASGURPREET SINGH PURI, J. (ORAL)

1. Petitioner No.1 (girl) is of the age of 18 years whereas petitioner No.2 (boy) is aged 20 years. It is averred that the family members of petitioner No.1 want petitioner No.1 to marry against her wishes with the boy of their choice forcibly whereas petitioners like each other and want to marry each other. It is further averred that due to aforesaid reason at present the petitioners are residing in live-in-relationship. It is also averred that family of petitioner No.1 is opposing the relationship and therefore, the petitioners are apprehending threat to their lives and liberty at the hands of private respondents Nos.4 & 5.

2. Learned counsel for the petitioners has submitted that scope of the present petition pertains only to the protection of lives of the petitioners. He has submitted that the petitioners have submitted a representation (Annexure P-3) dated 11.09.2023 (wrongly typed as 11.11.2023), to the Senior

Superintendent of Police, Fazilka but no action has been taken on the same.

3. Heard. Record perused.

4. Notice of motion to respondent Nos.1 to 3 only.

5. Mr. H.S. Sitta, DAG, Punjab, accepts notice on behalf of the aforesaid respondents. Complete set of paper book stands supplied to him.

6. This Court does not wish to make any observations with regard to the validity of *inter se* relationship between the petitioners. However, since both the petitioners are stated to be residing in live-in relationship, the scope of present petition pertains only to protection of their lives.

7. This petition is disposed of with a direction to respondent No.3 Station House Officer, Police Station Sadar Jalalabad, District Fazilka that representation (Annexure P-3) filed seeking protection of life and liberty, be looked into and contents thereof be duly verified and if necessary, requisite steps be taken, strictly in accordance with law for ensuring the protection of lives of the petitioners.

14.09.2023

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(JASGURPREET SINGH PURI)
JUDGE

1. Whether speaking/reasoned:	Yes/No
2. Whether reportable:	Yes/No