

**In the High Court for the States of Punjab and Haryana
At Chandigarh**

CRWP-1618-2024 (O&M)
Date of Decision:-26.2.2024

Goutam and another ... Petitioners

Versus

State of Punjab and others ... Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE GURVINDER SINGH GILL

Present:- Mr. Minkal Thatai, Advocate for the petitioners.

GURVINDER SINGH GILL, J. (Oral)

1. Petitioner No.1 – Goutam aged about 21 years and petitioner No.2 – Akshita Sharma aged about 17 years and 6 months, both of whom are in a ‘live-in’ relationship, have approached this Court seeking issuance of a direction to official respondents to protect their lives and liberty as they apprehend threat to the same at the hands of private respondents No.4 to 8, who do not approve of their ‘live-in’ relationship.
2. Having heard the learned counsel for the petitioners and without commenting anything as regards the veracity of the averments made in the petition and also as regards the sanctity of alleged relationship or age of the petitioners, the petition is disposed of with a direction to respondent No.2 – Commissioner of Police, District Amritsar to look into the matter and to dispose off the representation dated 15.2.2024 (Annexure P-3) in accordance with law. In case, it is found that there is a genuine threat to the lives and

liberty of the petitioners, then necessary steps warranted under law be taken thereupon at the earliest so as to ensure that no harm is caused to the petitioners.

3. A copy of this order alongwith copy of the representation dated 15.2.2024 (Annexure P-3) be sent to respondent No.2 - Commissioner of Police, District Amritsar so as to enable him to do the needful expeditiously.
4. It is, however, clarified that the aforesaid order shall not be taken to be any expression as regards the alleged relationship or age of the petitioners and shall not confer any immunity upon the petitioners, in case it is found that they have committed any wrong.

26.2.2024
Pankaj

(Gurvinder Singh Gill)
Judge

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