



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

114

CRWP-4628-2024

Date of Decision: May 18, 2024

Mintu Singh and another

.....Petitioner(s)

Vs.

State of Punjab and others

.....Respondent(s)

CORAM: HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE SUDEEPTI SHARMA

Present: Mr. Vikram Jeet Singh, Advocate
for the petitioner(s).

SUDEEPTI SHARMA.J. (ORAL)

1. Through the instant petition, as filed under Articles 226 of the Constitution of India, the petitioners, who are in a 'live-in relationship', have sought issuance of directions to the official respondents No.2 and 3, to ensure protection of their lives and liberty at the hands of private respondents No. 4 to 8, and, also to restrain the said respondents from harassing the petitioners or interfering in their personal lives

2. The counsel for the petitioners states that both the petitioners were previously got married. Petitioner No.1 got separated through Panchayati divorce whereas marriage of petitioner No.2 is still in subsistence. The counsel for the petitioners further contends that the petitioner No.1 was born on 01.01.1994 and petitioner No.2 was born on 01.01.1978. The petitioners have appended copies of their respective Aadhar Cards as Annexures P-1 and P-2 with the instant petition.

He further contends that their ‘live-in relationship’ has caused grievance to the



private respondents/family members of petitioner No.2. As a result of such grievance, the private respondents/family members of petitioner No.2 are threatening the petitioners to face dire consequences and not allowing the petitioners to live in 'live-in-relationship'.

3. It is further averred in the petition, that both the petitioners are living in 'live-in-relationship' with their own wish. The petitioners also made a representation dated 16.05.2024 (Annexure P-3) to the respondent no.2, expressing therein their apprehension qua danger to their lives at the hands of the private respondents.

4. The learned counsel for the petitioners has submitted that he would be satisfied in case the respondent no.2- Commissioner of Police, Amritsar, is directed to look into the representation (supra) and after considering threat perception to the petitioners, to take appropriate action.

5. Notice of motion to the official respondent(s) only.

6. On the asking of the Court, Mr. Jasjeet Singh Dhaliwal, AAG, Punjab, accepts notice on behalf of the official respondents.

7. Without commenting anything as regards the veracity of the averments made in the petition and also as regards the sanctity of alleged relationship of the petitioners, this Court deems it appropriate to dispose of the present petition with a direction to respondent no.2- Commissioner of Police, Amritsar, to consider the representation (supra) and to take appropriate action 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 at the earliest, so as to ensure that no harm is caused to the petitioners.

8. It is, however, clarified that this order shall not be taken to be any expression as regards the alleged relationship of the petitioners and shall not

confer any immunity upon the petitioners, in case it is found that they have committed any wrong.

9. Disposed of accordingly.

(SUDEEPTI SHARMA)
JUDGE

May 18, 2024
sonia arora

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