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

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**CRWP-5971 of 2024
Date of Decision: 26.06.2024**

Priya and another

... Petitioners

VERSUS

State of Haryana and others

....Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE RITU TAGORE

Present: Mr. Sukhveer S. Killianwali, Advocate
for the petitioners.

RITU TAGORE, J.(Oral)

1. Present petition has been filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India for issuance of a writ in the nature of mandamus for directing respondents No.2 and 3 to protect life and liberty of the petitioners at the hands of respondents No.4 to 7.

2. Learned counsel for the petitioners submits that both the petitioners are in live-in-relationship. He further submits that he has instructions on behalf of the petitioner to submit that this is the first petition for protection filed by them and earlier they have not filed any such petition. As per the information given to him, petitioner No.1 is working in some Garment shop at Mandi Dabwali. Copies of Aadhaar card of both the petitioners are attached as Annexures P-1 and P-2.

3. Counsel for the petitioners submits that aforesaid private



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respondents No.4 to 7 have threatened to cause harm to both the petitioners and in this regard, representation dated 18.06.2024 (Annexure P-3) has been given to the Superintendent of Police Mandi Dabwali, District Sirsa and Station House Officer, Police Station City Mandi Dabwali, District Sirsa but till date no action has been taken by the concerned authority in this regard.

4. Copies of Aadhaar card of both the petitioners are attached as Annexures P-1 and P-2 relied upon by the petitioners as proof of their age, *prima facie* suggest that both the petitioners are major.

5. Herein, the petitioners, have taken a decision to reside together without the sanctity of marriage and it is not for the Courts to judge them on their decision. In *S. Khushboo Vs. Kanniammal, (2010) 5 SCC 600*, it has been held that live-in-relationship is permissible and the act of two adults living together cannot be considered illegal or unlawful, while further holding that the issue of morality and criminality are not co-extensive.

6. In view of above, without going into the merits of the case and expressing any opinion as to the sanctity of their live-in-relationship because the safety of the petitioners is the first and the foremost concern at this stage, this petition is hereby disposed of with direction to respondent No.2-Superintendent of Police, Mandi Dabwali, District Sirsa to consider representation dated 18.06.2024 (Annexure P-3) and to take remedial measures to protect life and

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liberty of petitioners if so warranted, in accordance with law.

7. It is further made clear that if the petitioners are otherwise found to be involved in any other case, in such an eventuality, this order shall not preclude the competent authority from taking appropriate action against the petitioners, that law permits.

(RITU TAGORE)
JUDGE

26.06.2024
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Whether speaking/reasoned	:	Yes/No
Whether reportable	:	Yes/No