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

CRWP-6547-2024

Date of Decision:11.07.2024

ANSHIKA AND ANOTHER

..... Petitioner(s)

VERSUS

STATE OF PUNJAB AND OTHERS

..... Respondent(s)

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE KARAMJIT SINGH

Present: Mr. Simranjit Singh, Advocate and
Mr. Harkirat Singh, Advocate for the petitioners.

KARAMJIT SINGH, J. (ORAL)

Petitioners are praying for direction to respondents No.2 and 3 to provide protection to their life and liberty from the hands of private respondents No.4 to 7.

2. In the petition, it has been stated that both the petitioners are into live-in-relationship which has been opposed by private respondents No.4 to 7.

3. Counsel for the petitioners submits that both the petitioners aged about 20 years are living together with their free will and consent. They are into live-in-relationship against the wishes of respondents No.4 to 7 who are extending threats to cause harm to the petitioners and in this regard they gave representation dated 09.07.2024 (Annexure P-3) to respondent No.2 i.e. Senior Superintendent of Police, Patiala but till date no action has been taken by police authorities on the basis of said representation.



4. Notice of motion.
5. Mr. Siddharth Attri, AAG, Punjab accepts notice on behalf of respondents No.1 to 3 and submits that in case both the petitioners are major and into live-in-relationship and not previously married and have moved any representation seeking protection of their life and liberty from hands of respondents No.4 to 7 and the said representation is pending then the same will be disposed of by the competent authority in accordance with law in a given time frame.
6. In view of above, without going into the merits of the case, this petition is hereby disposed of with direction to respondent No.2 i.e. Senior Superintendent of Police, Patiala to look into the matter and decide representation dated 09.07.2024 (Annexure P-3) in accordance with law and in case there is any such threat perception then to take necessary steps in this regard to protect life and liberty of the petitioners and necessary exercise be done by respondent No.2 within a period of one month of the receipt of certified copy of this order.
7. However, any observations made in this order will not be construed as an expression of opinion on the validity of the relationship of the petitioners. It is also made clear that respondents No.4 to 7 are at liberty to avail appropriate remedy available to them under law against the petitioners. In case the petitioners have committed any offence, law will take its own course.

11.07.2024
Priyanka Thakur

(KARAMJIT SINGH)
JUDGE

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