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

CRWP-7997-2024

Date of Decision: 21.08.2024

Neelam Rani and Another

..... Petitioners

Versus

State of Punjab and Others

..... Respondents

CORAM:- HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE AMARJOT BHATTI

Present: Mr. Rakesh Kumar Kachura, Advocate for the petitioners.

Mr. Kewal Singh, Addl. A.G. Punjab.

AMARJOT BHATTI, J.

1. Petitioners Neelam Rani and Gorav have filed present criminal writ petition under Articles 226/227 of the Constitution of India for issuance of writ, directing respondents No. 2 and 3 to protect life and liberty of petitioners who are living together in a live-in relationship, from the hands of respondents No. 4 to 6.

2. It is argued that both petitioners are major. Petitioner No.1 is 24 years old, copy of her Aadhaar Card is Annexure P-1. Petitioner No. 2 is also 19 years old, copy of his Aadhaar Card is Annexure P-2. They are in live-in relationship. Petitioners also moved representation to Senior Superintendent of Police, Ferozepur, which is Annexure P-3. Petitioners are receiving threats from private respondents No. 4 to 6, who are family members of petitioner No. 1.

3. Notice of motion.

4. On asking of this Court, Mr. Kewal Singh, Addl. A.G. Punjab. accepts notice on behalf of State. Complete copy of paperbook along with

supporting documents is already supplied.

5. Considering nature of litigation, no purpose would be served by serving notice to private respondents.

6. I have considered facts narrated in petition, according to which both petitioners are major and are in live-in relationship against the wishes of family of petitioner No. 1, as a result they are apprehending threats from the hands of respondents No. 4 to 6. It is duty of police to protect life of petitioners. Therefore, respondents No. 2 and 3 are directed to consider representation of petitioners dated 18.08.2024 (Annexure P-3) and protect their life from the hands of respondents No. 4 to 6, considering threat perception.

7. Aforesaid protection order will have no bearing on the legality of their relationship and it will not protect them in case there is any violation of law or pending legal proceedings.

8. Petition is accordingly disposed of.

9. Pending miscellaneous application(s), if any, stand disposed of accordingly as well.

(AMARJOT BHATTI)
JUDGE

21.08.2024

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