

**CRWP-8245-2024****-1-****107****IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH****CRWP-8245-2024****Date of Decision: August 29, 2024**

Sapna Rani and another

.....Petitioners

Versus

State of Punjab and others

.....Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE RAJESH BHARDWAJPresent: Ms.Divya Narula, Advocate
for the petitioner through VC.

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RAJESH BHARDWAJ, J.(ORAL)

Present petition has been filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India for directing respondents No.2 and 3 to protect the life and liberty of the petitioners from the hands of respondent No.4.

Learned counsel for the petitioners states that petitioner No.1 is major whereas petitioner No.2 is minor as he is about 17 years and nine months old and they are living together against the wishes of respondent No.4 and have sought protection to their life and liberty. They apprehend danger from respondent No.4. Petitioner No.1 has submitted a representation, dated 21.08.2024 (Annexure P-3) to respondent No.2.

Notice of motion to respondents no.1 to 3-State only.

On the asking of the Court, Mr.Tarun Aggarwal, Sr.DAG, Punjab, who is present in Court, accepts notice on behalf of the respondents/State.



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Without entering upon an exercise to evaluate the evidentiary value of the documents placed on the file, I dispose of the petition with a direction to respondent No.2-Senior Superintendent of Police, District Fazilka, to decide the representation (Annexure P-3) of petitioner No.1 and grant protection to the petitioners, if any threat to their life and liberty is perceived. It is clarified that this order shall not be taken to grant immunity to the petitioners from legal action for violation of law, if any, committed by them. This order would not be understood having expressed any opinion whatsoever by this Court on the validity of their live-in-relationship.

August 29, 2024

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**(RAJESH BHARDWAJ)
JUDGE**

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