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

CRWP-11108-2024

Date of Decision: 20.11.2024

POONAM DEVI AND ANOTHER

....Petitioners

VERSUS

STATE OF PUNJAB AND OTHERS

....Respondents

CORAM:- HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE KARAMJIT SINGH

Present: Mr. Tajinder Pal Singh Makkar, Advocate with
Mr. R.P.S. Bhullar, Advocate for the petitioners.

KARAMJIT SINGH, J.(Oral)

Petitioners are praying for direction to respondents No.2 & 3 to provide protection to their life and liberty from the hands of private respondents No.4 to 6.

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 6 who are related to petitioner No.1.

3. Counsel for the petitioners *inter alia* submits that petitioner No.1 a unmarried girl aged about 19 years and petitioner No.2 a bachelor boy aged about 19 years are living together with their own free will and consent against the wishes of respondents No.4 to 6. That the said respondents are extending threats to cause physical harm to the petitioners and in this regard petitioners have already submitted their



representation dated 13.11.2024 (Annexure P-3) to respondent No.2 i.e. Commissioner of Police, Ludhiana but the police authorities failed to take any heed to the said representation.

4. Notice of motion.
5. Mr. Jasjeet Singh Dhaliwal, AAG, Punjab accepts notice on behalf of respondents No.1 to 3 and submits that apparently, it appears that both the petitioners are more than 18 years of age and are unmarried but are living together and in case any such representation submitted by the petitioners is pending, the same will be looked into and decided by competent authority as per law, at the earliest.
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. Commissioner of Police, Ludhiana to consider and decide representation dated 13.11.2024 (Annexure P-3) in accordance with law within a period of three weeks from the date of receipt of a certified copy of this order.
7. However, any observations made in this order will not be construed as an expression of opinion regarding the validity of the relationship between the petitioners. It is also made clear that respondents No.4 to 6 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.

20.11.2024

Priyanka Thakur

(KARAMJIT SINGH)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned

Whether reportable

Yes/No

Yes/No