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

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Date of Decision: January 24, 2025

Baljit Singh and another

.....Petitioners

Versus

State of Punjab and others

.....Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE RAJESH BHARDWAJ

Present: Mr.R.S.Gill, Advocate
for the petitioners.

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RAJESH BHARDWAJ, J.(ORAL)

1. Present petition has been filed under Articles 226/227 of the Constitution of India for issuance of direction to respondents No.2 and 3 to protect the life and liberty of the petitioners, who are in live-in-relationship, from the hands of respondents No.4 to 8.

2. Learned counsel for the petitioners states that both the petitioners are major and are living in live-in-relationship together against the wishes of respondents No.4 to 8. It is submitted that petitioner No.1 is unmarried whereas petitioner No.2 is married with respondent No.4 and having two children, who are living with respondent No.4 only. Both the petitioners have sought protection to their life and liberty. They apprehend danger from respondents No.4 to 8. The petitioners have submitted a representation, dated 19.01.2025 (Annexure P-3) to respondent No.2.

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

4. On the asking of the Court, Mr.Tarun Aggarwal, Sr.DAG,



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Punjab, who is present in Court, accepts notice on behalf of the respondents/State.

5. 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, Bathinda, to decide the representation (Annexure P-3) of the petitioners and grant them protection, 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.

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**(RAJESH BHARDWAJ)
JUDGE**

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