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

CRWP-2850-2025

Date of decision : 21.03.2025

Anjna Bhatia and another

.....Petitioners

versus

State of Punjab and others

.....Respondents

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE RAJESH BHARDWAJ

Present :- Mr. Hitesh Chopra, Advocate and
Mr. Amit Kumar, Advocate
for the petitioner.

RAJESH BHARDWAJ, J. (Oral)

1. Present petition has been filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India seeking issuance of direction to respondents No.1 to 3 to protect the life and personal liberty of the petitioners (who are living together in a live-in-relationship) by providing police protection to the petitioners. Further prayer has been made to not harass the petitioners illegally and not to registre any case against the petitioners.

2. Learned counsel for the petitioners has submitted that both are living in live-in-relationship and have sought protection to their life and liberty. They apprehend danger from the private respondents. The petitioners have submitted a representation dated 17.03.2025 (Annexure P-3) before respondent No.2 i.e. Senior Superintendent of Police, Pathankot.

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3. Notice of motion to respondents no.1 to 3-State only.
4. On the asking of the Court, Mr. Tarun Aggarwal, Sr. D.A.G., Punjab, 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 i.e. Senior Superintendent of Police, Pathankot to decide the representation dated 17.03.2025 (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.
6. Disposed of.

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JUDGE**

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