



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

**CRWP No.5012 of 2025
Date of decision:15.05.2025**

Jyoti Rani and Another

.....Petitioners

Versus

State of Punjab and Others

.....Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE H.S. GREWAL

Present: Ms. Madhu Bala, Advocate for
Mr. J.S. Bhinder, Advocate
for the petitioners.

H.S. GREWAL J. (Oral)

Prayer in the instant petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India, is for issuance of directions to respondent Nos.1 to 3 to protect the life and liberty of the petitioners at the hands of respondent Nos.4 to 8, who are averse to their live in relationship.

2. Learned counsel for the petitioners submits that petitioner No.1 has been in a live in relationship with petitioner No.2. The respondent Nos. 4 to 8 have been extending threats of dire consequences to the petitioners as they are averse to their live in relationship. While drawing the attention of this Court to representation dated 13.05.2025 (Annexure P-3), learned counsel has submitted that the matter was reported to respondent No.2-Senior Superintendent of Police, Patiala, District Patiala seeking police protection, however, it had been in vain. Learned counsel submits that the petitioners would be satisfied if directions are issued to respondent No.2- Senior Superintendent of Police, Patiala, District Patiala to look into the aforesaid representation and to take appropriate steps at the earliest.



3. Notice of motion to respondents Nos.1 to 3 only.
4. On asking of the Court, Mr. Kamalpreet Bawa, DAG, Punjab, accepts notice on behalf of the official respondents.
5. I have heard learned counsel for the parties and perused the relevant material placed on record.
6. In view of the limited prayer made by learned counsel for the petitioners and without commenting upon the status of live in relationship of the petitioners, the present petition is disposed of with directions to respondent No.2- Senior Superintendent of Police, Patiala, District Patiala to look into the aforesaid representation *qua* the alleged threat perception and take necessary steps, as may be required, in accordance with law, to ensure that the life and liberty of the petitioners is not jeopardized at the hands of the private respondents. However, this direction will have no effect on any civil or criminal action, which could be initiated in the matter in accordance with law. It is made clear that there is no adjudication on merits and this is not a blanket order of protection from arrest in any FIR. It is further made clear that this order shall not come in the way if the interrogation of the petitioners is required in any cognizable case.

15.05.2025*Sonia Puri***(H.S. GREWAL)
JUDGE**

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