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

CRWP-5795-2025

Date of decision : 28.05.2025

Neha Rani and another**.....Petitioners**

versus

State of Punjab and others**.....Respondents****CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE RAJESH BHARDWAJ**

Present :- Mr. Armaan Gagneja, Advocate
for the petitioners.

RAJESH BHARDWAJ, J. (Oral)

1. Prayer in the present petition has been made for directing respondents No.2 and 3 to protect the lives and personal liberty of the petitioners from the hands of respondents No.4 to 6 and further directing respondents No.2 & 3 not to allow/let respondents No.4 to 6 or anybody else to interfere with the liberty and lives of the petitioners or to harass them in any manner against the wishes of the petitioners or to cause any detriment to the petitioners in any manner.

2. Learned counsel for the petitioners has submitted that both the petitioners are major and are living in live-in-relationship against the wishes of respondents No.4 to 6 and have sought protection to their life and liberty. They apprehend danger from the private respondents. The petitioners have submitted a representation dated 20.05.2025 (Annexure P-3) to respondent No.2.

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

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4. On the asking of the Court, Mr. Tarun Aggarwal, Addl.A.G., Punjab accepts notice on behalf of the 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, Ludhiana to decide the representation dated 20.05.2025 (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.

(RAJESH BHARDWAJ)
JUDGE

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