

**CRWP-6118-2025 (O&M)****-1-****117****IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB & HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH************CRWP-6118-2025 (O&M)
Date of Decision: 10.06.2025**

Priya and another

..... Petitioners

Versus

State of Punjab and others

..... Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARSH BUNGERPresent: Mr. Amrit Paul Nahar, Advocate
for the petitioners.***********HARSH BUNGER J. (ORAL)**

Petitioners have filed the instant petition under Article 226 of the Constitution of India seeking issuance of writ in the nature of Mandamus for directing respondents No.1 to 3 to provide protection of life and liberty to the petitioners, who have not solemnized marriage so far but are living in a live-in relationship and are under eminent threats at the hands of private respondents No.4 to 10.

1.1 A further prayer has been made for directing the official respondents to decide the representation dated 06.06.2025 (Annexure P-3), submitted by the petitioners.

1.2 The date of birth of petitioner No.1 is 26.08.1998 and petitioner No.2 is not of marriageable age as his date of birth is 06.08.2004.

2. At the outset, learned counsel for the petitioners submits that the petitioners would be satisfied at this stage, if a direction is issued to

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respondent No.3 (SHO, Police Station Jalandhar Cantt) to consider/decide their aforesaid representation dated 06.06.2025 (Annexure P-3) wherein, the apprehension to their lives has been expressed, however, it is stated that no action has been taken.

3. Notice of motion only to the official respondents i.e. respondents No.1 to 3 is being issued.

4. Mr. Nirmaljit Singh Diwana, Sr. DAG, Punjab, who is present in the Court, accepts notice on behalf of State/respondents No.1 to 3.

5. Given the nature of the order being passed, there is no necessity to seek any response by the official respondents or even to serve the private respondents No.4 to 10.

6. Having heard learned counsel for the petitioners as well as learned State counsel, I am of the considered view that every citizen is entitled to protection/enforcement of fundamental rights as envisaged under Constitution of India. It is the bounden duty of the State to protect the life & liberty of every citizen as enshrined under Article 21 of the Constitution of India. Right to human life is to be treated on much higher pedestal, regardless of a citizen being minor or a major.

7. Since the petitioners are seeking protection qua their lives and personal liberties, therefore, it would be appropriate to direct respondent No.3 (SHO, Police Station Jalandhar Cantt)/competent authority to verify the contents of the petition and/or representation dated 06.06.2025 (Annexure P-3), submitted by the petitioners, particularly the threat perception of the petitioners and take necessary action, if required.

8. It is clarified that this order shall neither be treated as a stamp of this Court qua the status of the parties on the basis of their alleged live-in



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relationship nor any reflection on the merits of the contentions raised by them in the present petition.

- 9. The writ petition is, accordingly, disposed of.
- 10. All the pending application(s), if any, shall also stand closed.

10.06.2025
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(HARSH BUNGER)
JUDGE

- 1. Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes/No
- 2. Whether reportable : Yes/No