



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

CRWP-7201-2024 (O&M)

Date of Decision: 22.01.2025

RANJU DEVI AND ANOTHER

...Petitioners

V/S

STATE OF PUNJAB AND OTHERS

...Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARPREET SINGH BRAR

Present: Mr. P.S. Dhaliwal, Advocate
for the petitioners.

Mr. Nitesh Sharma, DAG Punjab.

Mr. Vinok K. Kaushal, Advocate
for respondent No. 4.

HARPREET SINGH BRAR J. (Oral)

1. This criminal writ petition has been filed under Article 226/227 of Constitution of India seeking issuance of a writ in the nature of mandamus thereby directing the official respondent No. 2 for protection of life and liberty of the petitioners from private respondents.

2. Learned counsel for the petitioners contends that both the petitioners are major and they were married previously and now since last four years they are staying in live-in relationship with each other but the said relationship is not acceptable to private respondents and they are threatening the petitioners with dire consequences. The petitioners apprehend danger to their life and liberty from private respondents and in this regard, submitted a representation dated 21.07.2024 (Annexure P-3) to respondent No. 2 but no action has been taken so far.

3. Status report dated 15.01.2025 filed by learned State counsel is taken on record. Registry is directed to tag the same at the appropriate place.



4. Learned counsel for the petitioners is directed to supply a copy of complete paper book to the counsel appearing for the State during the course of the day.
5. Without commenting on the validity of their relationship and entering upon an exercise to evaluate the evidentiary value of the documents placed on the file, I dispose of this petition with direction to respondent No. 2 to decide the representation of the petitioners (Annexure P-3) within a period of one week from the date of receipt of a copy of this order and grant them protection, if there is any threat to their life and liberty in accordance with law.
6. It is made clear that this order shall not be taken to protect the petitioners from legal action for violation of law, if any committed by them.

22.01.2025
Ajay Goswami

(HARPREET SINGH BRAR)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned
Whether reportable

Yes/No
Yes/No