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

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**CRWP-7942-2025 (O&M)
Decided on:30.07.2025**

Budhi Bhadur and another

...Petitioners

Versus

State of Punjab and others

...Respondents

Coram : Hon'ble Mr. Justice Rajesh Bhardwaj

Present: Mr. Munish Puri, Advocate,
for the petitioners.

Rajesh Bhardwaj, J. (Oral)

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Prayer in the present application, filed under Section 528 of the BNSS, 2023 is for impleading Poonam Devi as petitioner no.2 in the main petition.

For the reasons mentioned in the application, the same is hereby allowed and Poonam Devi is impleaded as petitioner no.2 in the main petition.

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Application is allowed, as prayed for.

Amended memo of parties is taken on record.

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1. The petitioners have filed the present petition under Article 226 of the Constitution of India for issuance of direction to respondents No.1 to 3 to protect the life and liberty of the petitioners from the hands of respondent nos.4 to 7, who are harassing and threatening the petitioners to eliminate them in order to save their prestige in the society.

2. Learned counsel for the petitioners submits that both the petitioners are major and petitioner no.2 was married with respondent no.4 and out of the said wedlock, she has two children who are living with her husband, but at present she is living with petitioner no.1, who is unmarried. It is submitted that both the petitioners are living in live-in relationship against the wishes of private respondents. It is further submitted that the petitioners apprehend danger from respondent nos.4 to 7. Petitioner no.1 has submitted a

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representation dated 14.07.2025 (Annexure P-3) to respondent no.2 for granting protection to their lives and liberty.

3. Notice of motion to the official respondents only.

4. Mr. J.S. Arora, DAG, Punjab, accepts notice on behalf of the respondent-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- Senior Superintendent of Police, District Pathankot, to decide the representation (Annexure P-3) of the petitioner(s) and grant them protection, if any threat to their lives and liberty is perceived.

6. 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.

July 30, 2025
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(Rajesh Bhardwaj)
Judge

Whether Speaking/Reasoned: NO/YES
Whether Reportable: NO/YES