



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

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CRWP-8952-2025

Date of decision: 20.08.2025

Shivani Devi and another

...Petitioners

Versus

State of Punjab and others

...Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MS. JUSTICE AARADHNA SAWHNEY

Present : Mr. Rakesh Kumar Kachura, Advocate for the petitioners.

AARADHNA SAWHNEY, J.(ORAL)

1. Apprehending danger to their life and liberty, both the petitioners have filed the present petition with a prayer to direct the official respondents to protect their life and liberty from the hands of respondent No. 4 and 5 as they are living in live-in relationship.

2. Learned counsel for the petitioners submits that both the petitioners are major, petitioner No.1 is stated to be born on 01.01.1988. Date of birth of petitioner No.2 is 26.01.2006. Copies of their Aadhar Cards have been annexed as Annexures P-1 and P-2. Learned counsel further submits that petitioner No.1 was married, however, unfortunately her husband expired about 12 years ago and out of the said wedlock, two children were born, both of them are living with petitioners.

It is further submitted that both the petitioners are known to each other for the last one year and have developed an emotional bond with each other and have started living together, i.e. they are in live-in relationship.

3. In so far the present petition is concerned, learned counsel for the petitioners has limited his prayer to direct respondent No.2 to decide



representation dated 16.08.2025 annexed as Annexure P-3 moved by petitioners.

4. Notice of motion.

5. On the asking of the Court, Mr. Kamalpreet Bawa, DAG, Punjab accepts notice on behalf of respondent Nos.1 to 3 and has no objection in deciding the representation filed on behalf of the petitioners.

6. Without commenting upon the merits of the case and in view of the limited prayer made by learned counsel for the petitioners, the present petition is disposed of with a direction to respondent No.2 to decide the representation dated 16.08.2025 (Annexure P-3) within a period of two weeks. In case, it is found that there is a genuine threat to the lives and liberty of the petitioners, then necessary steps warranted under law be taken at the earliest, so as to ensure that no harm is caused to the petitioners.

7. However, this direction will not validate the live-in status between the petitioners and will have no effect on any civil or criminal action, which would be initiated in the matter in accordance with law.

(AARADHNA SAWHNEY)
JUDGE

20.08.2025

Hemant

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