



CRWP-3454-2026 (O&M) -1-

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

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**CRWP-3454-2026 (O&M)
Decided on: 25.03.2026**

SONIYA SANDHU AND ANOTHER

.....Petitioners

Versus

STATE OF PUNJAB AND OTHERS

.....Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SUBHAS MEHLA

Present: Mr. Joginder Pal Devgan, Advocate (Through VC)
for the petitioners.

SUBHAS MEHLA, J. (Oral)

1. This is the second petition which has been filed under Articles 226/ 227 of the Constitution of India, for issuance of directions to the official respondents to protect the life and liberty of the petitioners at the hands of private respondents and not to interfere in their lives.

2. Learned counsel for the petitioners contended that the both the petitioners are major and the petitioners are residing together in a live-in relationship, but they apprehend threat to their life and liberty from the private respondents. It is further contended that earlier also, the petitioner has filed a petition bearing CRWP-14113-2025 before this Court which was dismissed as withdrawn vide order dated 31.12.2025 passed by a Coordinate Bench of this Court. However, in terms of said order, the representation dated 22.12.2025 was directed to be looked into by the competent authority and the petitioners were provided security which was later on withdrawn. Now, while drawing the attention of this

Court to representation dated 27.02.2026 (Annexure P-7), learned



counsel has submitted that the matter was reported to respondent No.3- Senior Superintendent of Police, District Tarn Taran, Punjab, seeking police protection, however, it went in vain. Learned counsel further submitted that the petitioners would be satisfied if directions are issued to respondent No.3 to look into the aforesaid representation and take appropriate steps at the earliest.

3. Notice of motion.

4. Ms. Alisha Soni, AAG, Punjab, puts in appearance and accepts notice on behalf of the official respondents and submitted that the competent authority will take appropriate action on the representation of the petitioners, in accordance with law.

5. Heard.

6. Keeping in view the contentions raised by learned counsel for the parties and further, without commenting upon the status of live-in-relationship of the petitioners, the present petition is disposed of with directions to respondent No.3 to consider the representation dated 27.02.2026 (Annexure P-7) and to assess the threat perception to the petitioners and after considering the same, respondent No.3 shall take appropriate action in accordance with law and also to take necessary steps, as per direction of this Court as held in **CRWP No.4660 of 2021** titled as **“Yash Pal and another vs. State of Haryana and others”**, **decided on 09.09.2024** whereby the protection was granted, qua the life and liberty of adults, who were in a live-in relationship, in order to protect them from threats arising from moral vigilants or from close relative of any of them. The fundamental right to life and liberty is so



sacrosanct and stands at such a high pedestal that it must be protected even in the absence of an incident like solemnization of a valid marriage between the parties.

However, it is made clear that if the petitioners commit any offence against the State or any person, this order shall not create any embargo or impediment to take appropriate action in accordance with law.

(SUBHAS MEHLA)
JUDGE

25.03.2026
Sonia Puri

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