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IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

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Date of Decision: 28.04.2026

BANTI AND ANOTHER
VERSUS
STATE OF PUNJAB AND OTHERS
...PETITIONERS
....RESPONDENTS

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE H.S.GREWAL

Present: Mr. Ashish Kumar, Advocate for the petitioners.

H.S. GREWAL, J. (ORAL)

1. The Criminal Writ Petition under Article 226/227 of the Constitution of India for issuance of directions to the respondent No. 2, The Sr. Superintendent of Police Fazilka, District Fazilka to decide the representation dated 25.04.2026 (Annexure P-3) by protecting the life and liberty of the petitioners at the hands of private respondents No.4 to 8 and not to interfere in the personal life of the petitioners at behest of respondents No.4 to 8 and the case of the petitioners is squarely covered with the Judgment passed by a Division Bench of this Hon'ble court in CRWP No 4660 of 2021 titled as Yashpal and another and State of Punjab and others decided on 09.09.2024, wherein the protection was granted to the persons living together where one of them is already married.

2. Learned counsel for the petitioners submits that petitioner No.1 has been in a *live in* relationship with petitioner No.2. The private respondents have been extending threats of dire consequences to the petitioners as they are averse to their *live in* relationship. While drawing the attention of this Court to 25.04.2026 (Annexure P-3), learned counsel has submitted that the matter was



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reported to respondent No.2- Senior Superintendent of Police, District Fazilka seeking police help but in vain. Learned counsel submits that the petitioners would be satisfied if directions are issued to respondent No.2-Senior Superintendent of Police, District Fazilka to look into the aforesaid representation and take appropriate steps at the earliest.

3. Notice of motion to respondents No.1 to 3 only.
4. At the asking of the Court, Mr. P.S.Pandher, Asst. A.G.Punjab accepts notice on behalf of respondents No. 1 to 3.
5. In view of the limited prayer made by learned counsel for the petitioners and without commenting upon the status of *live in* relationship of the petitioners, the present petition is disposed of with directions to respondent No.2-Senior Superintendent of Police, District Fazilka to look into the aforesaid representation qua the alleged threat perception and take necessary steps, as may be required, in accordance with law, to ensure that the life and liberty of the petitioners is not jeopardized at the hands of the private respondent. However, this direction will have no effect on any civil or criminal action, which could be initiated in the matter in accordance with law.
6. It is made clear that there is no adjudication on merits and this is not a blanket order of protection from arrest in any FIR. It is further made clear that this order shall not come in the way if the interrogation of the petitioners is required in any cognizable case.

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(H.S.GREWAL)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/ reasoned :
Whether Reportable :

Yes/No
Yes/No