



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

CRWP-5441-2026

Date of decision: 11.05.2026

SUKHPREET SINGH AND ANOTHER

...PETITIONERS

V/S

STATE OF PUNJAB AND OTHERS

...RESPONDENTS

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SUBHAS MEHLA

Present: Mr. Ankush Thakral, Advocate
for the petitioners.

SUBHAS MEHLA, J. (ORAL)

1. The prayer in the instant criminal writ petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India is for the issuance of a writ in the nature of mandamus directing official respondent(s) to protect the life and liberty of the petitioners at the hands of private respondent(s) and to restrain them from interfering in peaceful life and liberty of the petitioners.

2. No authentic document has been placed on record qua the age of petitioner No.2.

3. Learned counsel for the petitioners submitted that protection may be provided to the petitioners subject to verification of age of petitioner No.2 by the competent authorities. Learned counsel contended that as per his instructions, the petitioners are major and are residing together in a live-in relationship, but they apprehend threat to their life and liberty from the private respondent. While drawing the attention of this Court to representations dated 04.05.2026 (Annexures P-3 & P-4), learned counsel has submitted that the matter was reported to respondent Nos.2 & 3-Senior Superintendent of Police,



Amritsar and Station House Officer, Police Station Ajnala, District Amritsar 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.2 to look into the aforesaid representation and take appropriate steps at the earliest.

4. Notice of motion.

5. Mr. Anup Singh, AAG, Punjab, accepted notice on behalf of the official respondents and submitted that the competent authority will take action in accordance with law.

6. Heard.

7. In view of the above, without commenting upon the status of live-in-relationship of the petitioners, the present petition is disposed of with directions to respondent No.2 to take necessary steps, after assessing the threat perception to the petitioners, 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.



8. It is further clarified that the protection granted to the petitioners is subject to the proper verification of age of majority of petitioner No.2, and if she is found to be minor, competent authorities shall be at liberty to take action as per the provisions of Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act, 2015 as well as the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act, 2012.

May 11, 2026
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(SUBHAS MEHLA)
JUDGE

(i)	Whether speaking/reasoned	Yes/No
(ii)	Whether reportable	Yes/No