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CRWP-6402-2026

Date of Decision: 29.05.2026

AARTI DEVI AND ANOTHER

.....PETITIONERS

VERSUS

STATE OF PUNJAB AND OTHERS

....RESPONDENTS

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

Present: Mr. Anoop Verma, Advocate for the petitioners.

H.S. GREWAL, J. (ORAL)

1. This Criminal Writ Petition has been filed under Articles 226/227 of the Constitution of India for issuance of a writ, order or direction especially in the nature of mandamus directing the respondents no. 1 to 3 to protect the life, liberty and dignity of the petitioners from the hands of the respondents no. 4 to 8 with a further prayer that this Hon'ble High Court may kindly direct the respondents No. 4 to 8 not to harass or interfere in the peaceful life of the Petitioners and not to intrude into the privacy of the petitioners by raiding their house time and again.

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 representation dated 25.05.2026 (Annexure P-5), learned counsel has submitted that the matter was reported to respondent No.2- Superintendent of Police, Pathankot, Punjab seeking police help but in vain. Learned counsel



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submits that the petitioners would be satisfied if directions are issued to respondent No.2- Superintendent of Police, Pathankot, Punjab to look into the aforesaid representation and take appropriate steps at the earliest.

3. Notice of motion to official respondents only at this stage.

4. At the asking of the Court, Mr. P.S.Pandher, Asst. A.G.Punjab accepts notice on behalf of official respondents.

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- Superintendent of Police, Pathankot, Punjab 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.

29.05.2026

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(H.S.GREWAL)
JUDGEWhether speaking/ reasoned :
Whether Reportable :Yes/No
Yes/No