

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB & HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

226

2026:PHHC:070740

CRWP-6360-2025 (O&M)
Date of decision: 05.05.2026.

AARTI RANI AND ANOTHER

...Petitioners

VERSUS

STATE OF PUNJAB AND OTHERS

...Respondents

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE VINOD S. BHARDWAJ

Present :- None for the petitioner(s).

Mr. Mohit Kapoor, Sr. DAG, Punjab.

Mr. Prateek Gupta, Advocate,
for the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI).VINOD S. BHARDWAJ, J. (Oral)

The petitioners namely Aarti Rani and Sohail Khan Malik approached this Court under Article 226 of the Constitution of India for seeking protection of their life and personal liberty from private respondents No.4 to 7.

It is averred that the petitioners are major and are staying together in live-in relationship. However, their relationship is not acceptable to the private respondents and as a result, thereof, the private respondents are threatening the petitioners. A representation dated 06.06.2025 (Annexure P-3) against the threat extended at the hands of the private respondent(s) already stands submitted by the petitioners to the Senior Superintendent of Police, District Patiala, Punjab.

The petitioners apprehend threat to their lives and claim that

there is a constant danger of them being implicated in a false case.

Notice of motion restricted to respondents No.1 to 3 only.

Pursuant to supply of advance copy, Mr. Mohit Kapoor, Sr. DAG, Punjab, who is present in the Court, accepts notice on behalf of respondents No.1 to 3.

Learned State counsel has no objection if appropriate direction for providing requisite protection to the petitioners is given.

As such, the petition is disposed of with directions to respondent No.3-Station House Officer, Police Station Focal Point, Rajpura, District Patiala, Punjab, to look into the grievances of the petitioners as set out in the petition and also expressed in the representation dated 06.06.2025 (Annexure P-3) and take appropriate action for protection of their lives and liberty as may be warranted by the circumstances.

However, it is clarified that in case any criminal case has been/is registered against the petitioners nothing in this order shall be construed as a bar for taking appropriate action by the police authorities in respect thereof in accordance with law.

The Registry is directed to send a copy of this order along with copy of the petition and above-said representation to respondent No.3-Station House Officer, Police Station Focal Point, Rajpura, District Patiala, Punjab, for requisite compliance.

The petition is disposed of.

May 05, 2026.
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(VINOD S. BHARDWAJ)
JUDGE

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