



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

Sr. No.135

CRWP-6808-2026 (O&M)

Date of decision: 08.06.2026

Riya Kumari and another

..... Petitioners

VERSUS

State of Punjab and others

..... Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE DEEPINDER SINGH NALWA

Present: Mr. Vishal Tartyal, Advocate, for the petitioners

DEEPINDER SINGH NALWA, J.(Oral)

1 The petitioners have filed present petition under Articles 226/227 of the Constitution of India, for directing official respondents No.2 and 3 to protect life and liberty of petitioners, who are living together in a live-in relationship, from the hands of private respondents No. 4 and 5.

2. It is submitted that both the petitioners are major. As per copy of Aadhaar Card of petitioner No.1 (Annexure P-1), her date of birth is 01.01.2006. On the other hand, as per copy of Aadhaar Card of petitioner No. 2 (Annexure P-2), his date of birth is 24.06.2007. They are in live-in-relationship. Petitioners are receiving threats from respondents No. 4 and 5, who are family members of petitioner No.1, thus has filed the present petition. Petitioners have also moved a representation on 02.06.2026 to respondent No.2-Senior Superintendent of Police, Pathankot (Annexure P-5).

3. Notice of motion.



4. On advance notice, Mr. Amarpreet Singh Bains, AAG, Punjab, accepts notice on behalf of respondents No.1 to 3-State.
5. Considering the nature of litigation, no purpose would be served by serving notice to private respondents.
6. I have considered facts narrated in the petition, according to which, both the petitioners are major and are in live-in-relationship against the wishes of family members of petitioner No.1, as a result, they are apprehending threats from the hands of respondents No. 4 and 5. It is duty of police to protect life and liberty of petitioners. Therefore, respondent No.2 is directed to consider representation of petitioners dated 02.06.2026 (Annexure P-5) and to take appropriate steps to protect life and liberty of petitioners from the hands of respondents No. 4 and 5 considering threat perception with further direction to maintain their privacy and dignity.
7. Aforesaid protection order will have no bearing on the legality of their relationship and it will not protect them, in case there is any violation of law or pending legal proceedings.
8. The petition is accordingly disposed of.
9. Pending miscellaneous application(s), if any, also stands disposed of.

(DEEPINDER SINGH NALWA)
JUDGE

08.06.2026

Ramandeep Singh

Whether speaking / reasoned

Whether Reportable

Yes / No

Yes/ No