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

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Date of Decision :26.06.2026

BALWINDER KAUR AND ANOTHER**...Petitioners****Versus****STATE OF PUNJAB AND OTHERS****...Respondents****CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARSIMRAN SINGH SETHI**

Present: Mr. S. K.Chodhary, Advocate for the petitioners
(appeared through virtual mode).

Mr. Vikas Arora, DAG, Punjab.

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Harsimran Singh Sethi, J. (Oral)

1. By way of filing this petition, the petitioners seek necessary protection of their lives and personal liberty in view of the fact that they are in a live-in relationship and are under reasonable apprehension of their life and personal liberty at the hands of respondents No. 4 to 8.

2. Learned counsel for the petitioners submits that petitioners are in a live-in relationship against the wishes of respondents No. 4 to 8 and have sought protection to their lives and liberty. It is submitted that petitioner No. 1-Balwinder Kaur is aged about 45 years and petitioner No. 2 – Ravi Lamba Kumar @ Ravi Kumar is aged about 38 years and have not performed marriage, but they are in a live-in relationship and they apprehend danger at the hands of private respondents No. 4 to 8, who may cause a reason apprehension to the life and liberty of the petitioners.

3. In the context of threat perception at the hands of private respondents No. 4 to 8, the petitioners have allegedly moved a representation dated 22.06.2026, (Annexure P-5), to Senior Superintendent



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of Police, Hoshiarpur, District Hoshiarpur, Punjab (respondent No. 2), wherein, the apprehension to their lives have been expressed.

4. Notice of motion.

5. On the asking of the Court, Mr. Vikas Arora, DAG, Punjab, who is present in Court, accept notice on behalf of respondent Nos.1 to 3 (State).

6. Since petitioners have not contracted any marriage and seek only protection *qua* their lives and personal liberty, and for the same already representation dated 22.06.2026, (Annexure P-5), is pending, it would be appropriate to direct respondent No. 2 to have a fair look to the said representation, on the grievance of the petitioners in order to ascertain veracity of allegations made by them.

7. Respondent No. 2 would be at liberty to devise his/her own mechanism to ascertain the truth. He/she would also be at liberty to join the petitioners or any other person acquainted with facts in issue. If the assertion of the petitioners is established, respondent No. 2 shall proceed to take appropriate action in order to protect their lives and personal liberty from being invaded by private respondents No. 4 to 8.

8. This order is passed at this stage without commenting anything on the status of the petitioners on the basis of live-in relationship. Respondent No. 2 would pass necessary order without being influenced by any statement of fact recorded here-in-above.

9. Petition stands **disposed of** accordingly.

(HARSIMRAN SINGH SETHI)
JUDGE

June 26, 2026

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Whether speaking/reasoned :Yes
Whether reportable : No