

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

**CRWP-12326-2022
Date of decision : 30.12.2022**

Narender Singh Pawar and another**Petitioners**

versus

State of Punjab and others**Respondents**

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE RAJESH BHARDWAJ

Present :- Mr. Chander Shekhar Singhal, Advocate
for the petitioners.

RAJESH BHARDWAJ, J. (Oral)

Present petition has been filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India for directing respondents no.2 and 3 to protect the life and liberty of the petitioners from the hands of respondents no.4 to 7 and other relatives of petitioner No.2 as petitioners are in live-in-relationship with each other.

Learned counsel for the petitioners states that both the petitioners are major and are living in live-in-relationship against the wishes of respondents no.4 to 7 and other relatives of petitioner No.2 and have sought protection to their life and liberty. He submits that petitioner No.1 is unmarried and petitioner No.2 is widow and has four children. They apprehend danger from respondents no.4 to 7 and other relatives of petitioner No.2. The petitioners have submitted a representation dated 21.12.2022 (Annexure P-3) to respondent no.2.

Notice of motion to respondents no.1 to 3-State only.

On the asking of the Court, Mr. Vishnav Gandhi, DAG, Punjab accepts notice on behalf of the State.

Without entering upon an exercise to evaluate the evidentiary value of the documents placed on the file, I dispose of the petition with a direction to respondent no.2-Senior Superintendent of Police, SAS Nagar (Mohali), Punjab to decide the representation (Annexure P-3) of the petitioners and grant them protection, if any threat to their life and liberty is perceived. It is clarified that this order shall not be taken to grant immunity to the petitioners from legal action for violation of law, if any, committed by them. This order would not be understood having expressed any opinion whatsoever by this Court on the validity of the live-in-relationship of the petitioners.

Disposed of

30.12.2022
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(RAJESH BHARDWAJ)
JUDGE

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