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

(237)

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Date of Decision:-09.09.2026

Neelam Rani and another

.....Petitioners

Versus

State of Punjab and others

.....Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ALOK JAIN

Present: Mr. Rajidner Yadav, Advocate
for the petitioners.

Mr. Amritpal Singh Gill, DAG, Punjab.

ALOK JAIN, J. (Oral)

1. The present petition has been filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India for issuance of a writ in the nature of mandamus directing the respondents No. 2 and 3 to protect the life and liberty of the petitioners, who are in a live-in relationship as they fear threat for their life and liberty at the hands of respondent No. 4.
2. Vide order dated 09.07.2026, notice was issued to respondent No. 4.



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3. As per the office report, notice issued to respondent No. 4 has been received back with the report of the Ex-Sarpanch that no person by the name of Gulzar Singh is residing in the said village.

4. However, a perusal of the petition reveals that the instant petition has been filed only for seeking protection of the life and liberty of the petitioners, who are aged about 20 years and 19 years, respectively, and are claiming themselves to be in a live-in relationship.

5. In view of the above, the petition is disposed of with a direction to respondent No.2-Senior Superintendent of Police, District SAS Nagar (Mohali), Punjab, to take into consideration the request of the petitioners made vide representation dated **06.07.2026 (Annexure P-3)** and take appropriate action, in accordance with law and in terms of the guidelines/SOPs issued vide judgment passed by a Coordinate Bench of this Court in **CRWP-12562-2023** dated 14.06.2024.

6. The present petition is being considered only for the purpose of protection of life and liberty of the petitioners and the filing, pendency or the orders passed by this Court in this petition shall neither be construed as any stamp of the Court qua the live-in relationship of the petitioners nor shall be relied upon by any authority in any proceedings initiated against the petitioners under any other provision of law.

7. It is made clear to the petitioners that, in case, any averments made in this petition or in the representation dated **06.07.2026 (Annexure P-3)** are found to be incorrect, the State authorities are directed to take appropriate action, in accordance with law.



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8. However, since this petition is being disposed of in *limine*, therefore, copy of the complete paper book be sent through registered post to respondent No. 4 (father of petitioner No.1). It would also be appropriate if the SHO concerned duly informs the father of petitioner No. 1 about the present proceedings and records his statement.

9. Although, the State is duty bound to protect its citizens, however, in case, there is any criminal record of the petitioners, the present order shall not be an *alibi* or an impediment against the authorities to proceed in accordance with law and the above order is subject to cross verification of the antecedents of the petitioners. Furthermore, it will be the responsibility of the concerned SHO to verify the original documents demonstrating the correct age and residential address of the petitioners before considering their representation after getting the same counter-checked by the private respondents.

(ALOK JAIN)
JUDGE

September 09, 2026.

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Whether speaking/reasoned:-	Yes/No
Whether Reportable:-	Yes/No