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

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**CRWP-8416-2026**

**Date of Decision: 16.07.2026**

**SUKHWINDER SINGH AND ANOTHER**

**...PETITIONERS**

**VERSUS**

**STATE OF PUNJAB AND OTHERS**

**....RESPONDENTS**

**CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE H.S.GREWAL**

Present: Mr. Puneet Sharma, Advocate for the petitioners.

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**H.S. GREWAL, J. (ORAL)**

1. This Criminal Writ Petition has been filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India, for issuance of a writ in the nature of mandamus directing the respondent no.2 & 3 to protect the life and liberty of the petitioners and to restrain the private respondent No.4 not to harass or interfere in the life of the petitioners as the petitioners are known to each other from a long time and had done nothing wrong but are facing threats from respondent No.4.

2. Learned counsel for the petitioners submits that petitioner No.1 has been in a *live in* relationship with petitioner No.2. The private respondents have been extending threats of dire consequences to the petitioners as they are averse to their *live in* relationship. While drawing the attention of this Court to representation dated 11.07.2026 (Annexure P-1), learned counsel has submitted that the matter was reported to respondent No.2- Senior Superintendent of Police, District Malerkotla seeking police help but in vain. Learned counsel submits that the petitioners would be satisfied if directions are issued to respondent No.2- Senior Superintendent of Police, District Malerkotla to look into the aforesaid representation and take appropriate steps at the earliest.



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3. Notice of motion to respondents No.1 to 3 only.
4. At the asking of the Court, Mr. P.S.Pandher, Asst. A.G.Punjab accepts notice on behalf of respondents No. 1 to 3.
5. In view of the limited prayer made by learned counsel for the petitioners and without commenting upon the status of *live in* relationship of the petitioners, the present petition is disposed of with directions to respondent No.2- Senior Superintendent of Police, District Malerkotla to look into the aforesaid representation qua the alleged threat perception and take necessary steps, as may be required, in accordance with law, to ensure that the life and liberty of the petitioners is not jeopardized at the hands of the private respondents. However, this direction will have no effect on any civil or criminal action, which could be initiated in the matter in accordance with law.
6. It is made clear that there is no adjudication on merits and this is not a blanket order of protection from arrest in any FIR. It is further made clear that this order shall not come in the way if the interrogation of the petitioners is required in any cognizable case.

**July 16, 2026**  
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**(H.S.GREWAL)**  
**JUDGE**

Whether speaking/ reasoned :  
Whether Reportable :

Yes/No  
Yes/No