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

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Date of decision : 17.07.2026

Rajpal and another

.....Petitioners

Versus

State of Punjab and others

.....Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MS. JUSTICE SHALINI SINGH NAGPAL

Present: Mr. Sarvesh Kumar Gupta, Advocate,
for the petitioners.

Mr. Kunwarbir Singh, AAG, Punjab.

SHALINI SINGH NAGPAL, J. (Oral)

Apprehending danger to their life and liberty, the petitioners, who are in live-in relationship, have filed the present petition with a prayer to direct the official respondents to protect their life and liberty from respondents No. 4 to 7.

2. Learned counsel for the petitioners submits that both petitioners are major. As per their Aadhaar Cards, date of birth of petitioner No.1 is 15.07.2006 and the date of birth of petitioner No.2 is 07.07.2006. Parents of petitioner No. 2 were forcing her to marry someone else. She left her home on 12.07.2026 and took shelter in the house of petitioner No. 1. Respondent Nos. 4 to 7, who are father, mother, brother and cousin brother of petitioner No.2,



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were unhappy with the relationship and were extending threats to eliminate the petitioners. Petitioners moved representation to respondent No.2 for protection of their life and liberty but to no avail.

3. Notice of motion.

4. Mr. Kunwarbir Singh, AAG Punjab, accepts notice on behalf of the official respondents.

5. Heard.

6. Life and liberty of petitioners has to be protected irrespective of the fact that their relationship does not have approval of society.

7. Without commenting on the validity of relationship of the petitioners, the petition is disposed of with a direction to the official respondents to decide representation dated 13.07.2026 (Annexure P-3) within a period of one month. In case, it is found that there is a genuine threat to the lives and liberty of the petitioners, necessary steps as per law be taken at the earliest, so as to ensure that no harm is caused to the petitioners.

8. However, this order shall neither validate the live-in-status between the petitioners nor shall have any bearing on any civil or criminal action, initiated or to be initiated against them.

9. Disposed of accordingly.

July 17, 2026
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(SHALINI SINGH NAGPAL)
JUDGE

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