

(2026) 06 P&H CK 0112

In the Punjab And Haryana At Chandigarh

Case No : Criminal Writ Petition No. 6697 Of 2026 (O&M)

Baljinder Kaur And Another

APPELLANT

Vs

State Of Punjab And Others

RESPONDENT

Date of Decision : 03-06-2026

Acts Referred:

Constitution Of India, 1950 — Article 226

Citation : (2026) 06 P&H CK 0112

Hon'ble Judges : Harkesh Manuja, J

Bench : Single Bench

Advocate : Amardeep Singh Sidhu

Final Decision : Disposed Of

Judgement

Harkesh Manuja, J

The present Criminal Writ petition has been filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India for issuance of direction to respondent Nos.2 to 4 so as to protect the life and liberty of the petitioners.

[2] Notice of motion qua respondent Nos. 1 to 4 only.

[3] Mr. Gunjan Mehta, Additional Advocate General, Punjab, appears and accepts notice on behalf of respondent Nos. 1 to 4 and requisite copies of the petition have already been supplied to the learned State Counsel by learned counsel for the petitioners.

[4] As per contents made in the petition along with the documents attached, it appears that both the petitioners are major and stated to be in a "Live-in Relationship".

[5] It has been contended that petitioner No. 1 is in live-in-relationship out of her own free wish and will and without there being any threat at the hands of petitioner No. 2. It has been further submitted that the petitioners are having continuous threat at the hands of private respondent Nos. 4 to 8 and in this

regard they have already submitted representation dated 01.06.2026 (Annexure P-3) to respondent No.3. It has also been contended that despite there being a continuous threat to the life and liberty of the petitioners, at the hands of private respondent Nos. 4 to 8, the official respondents have failed to take any action in this regard.

[6] Learned counsel for the petitioners also relies upon the two decisions rendered by this Court in the case of "Shilpa and another Versus State of Punjab and others" passed in CRWP No. 10101 of 2021 on 22.10.2021 and "Pardeep Singh and another Versus State of Haryana" passed in CRWP No. 4521 of 2021 on 18.05.2021. The relevant paragraph No. 6 from Pardeep Singh and another's case (supra) is reproduced as under for reference:

" 6. Let us examine the issue from another view-point. The Constitutional Courts grant protection to couples, who have married against the wishes of their respective parents. They seek protection of life and liberty from their parents and family members, who disapprove of the alliance. An identical situation exists where the couple has entered into a live-in relationship. The only difference is that the relationship is not universally accepted. Would that make any difference? In my considered opinion, it would not. The couple fears for their safety from relatives in both situations and not from the society. They are thus, entitled to the same relief. No citizen can be permitted to take law in his own hands in a country governed by Rule of Law."

[7] Keeping in view the proposition of law laid down in the aforementioned cases and without expressing any opinion upon the relationship being maintained by the petitioners, however, considering their age, the present petition is disposed off with a direction to respondent No.3-Senior Superintendent of Police, Tarn Taran (Punjab), to consider the representation dated 01.06.2026 (Annexure P-3) and assess the threat perception to the petitioners and after considering the same, pass necessary directions to respondent No.4 in this regard.

[8] It is, however, clarified that this order shall not debar the State from proceeding against the petitioners, if involved in any other case.

[9] Pending applications(s), if any, shall also stand disposed off.