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IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA CHANDIGARH

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CRWP-11145-2026 (O&M)
Date of decision: 11.09.2026

HIMANSHI VERMA AND ANOTHER

…Petitioners

V/S

STATE OF PUNJAB AND OTHERS …Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MS. JUSTICE SHALINI SINGH NAGPAL

Present: Dr. Sarbjeet, Advocate
for Ms. Komalpreet, Advocate for the petitioners.

Mr. Akash Yadav, AAG Punjab.

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SHALINI SINGH NAGPAL J.(ORAL)

1. Apprehending threat to their life and liberty, the petitioners have filed the present petition with a prayer to direct the official respondents to protect their life and liberty from respondents No. 4 to 6.

2. Learned counsel for the petitioners submits that both petitioners are major, petitioner No.1 was 18 years old and petitioner No.2, 26 years old as per their affidavits. Both petitioners were in live-in relationship and had decided to marry each other. Respondents Nos. 4 to 6 (parents and brother of petitioner No. 1) were unhappy with the relationship and were extending threats to eliminate the petitioners. Petitioners moved representation to respondent No.3 for protection of their life and liberty but to no avail.

3. Notice of motion.

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4. Mr. Akash Yadav, 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 08.09.2026 (Annexure P-2) within a period of 01 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.

(SHALINI SINGH NAGPAL)
JUDGE

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Ajay Goswami

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

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