



living together, i.e. they are in live-in relationship.

3. Learned counsel for the petitioners has also referred to a judgment of co-ordinate Bench of this Court passed in Criminal Appeal No.597 of 2018, titled as '*Nanda Kumar and another Versus The State of Kerala and others*', decided on 20.04.2018, wherein protection in such a situation was granted to both the petitioners who are living in live-in relationship.

4. In so far the present petition is concerned, learned counsel for the petitioners has limited his prayer to direct the official respondents to decide representation dated 17.09.2025 annexed as Annexure P-3 moved by petitioners.

5. Without commenting upon the merits of the case and in view of the limited prayer made by learned counsel for the petitioners, the present petition is disposed of with a direction to the official respondents to decide the representation dated 17.09.2025 (Annexure P-3) within a period of two weeks. In case, it is found that there is a genuine threat to the lives and liberty of the petitioners, then necessary steps warranted under law be taken at the earliest, so as to ensure that no harm is caused to the petitioners.

6. However, this direction will not validate the live-in status between the petitioners and will have no effect on any civil or criminal action, which would be initiated in the matter in accordance with law.

7. Disposed of accordingly.

22.09.2025

Parveen kumar

(AARADHNA SAWHNEY)  
JUDGE

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