

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

**CRM-M-5197 of 2016
Date of Decision: April 11, 2016**

MANJU AND ANOTHER

...Petitioners

VERSUS

STATE OF HARYANA AND OTHERS

...Respondents

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE KULDIP SINGH

Present: Mr. S.S. Sahu, Advocate for
Mr. Ajit Kumar Sharma, Advocate
for the petitioners.

Mr. Parveen Aggarwal, DAG, Haryana.

Mr. Balsher Singh, Advocate
for respondents No.4 to 6.

Mr. Satbir Gill, Advocate
for respondent No.7.

1. *Whether Reporters of Local Newspapers may be allowed to see the judgment?*
2. *To be referred to the Reporters or not?*
3. *Whether the judgment should be reported in the Digest?*

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Statement of both the petitioners have been recorded jointly.

Today, both the petitioners are present. Sant Lal-respondent No.2 is also present along with his two minor children. Sant Lal stated that Manju is his legally wedded wife. There were two children from the marriage who are present in the Court. Now, Manju has started living with Dalip Singh-petitioner No.2 in live-in-relationship. Sant Lal stated that the children are minor, aged about 5 years and 3 years. Therefore, he is

unable to look after them in the absence of their mother. Manju-petitioner has agreed in the Court to take the custody of said two minor children namely Sahil and Vishnu.

Accordingly, the custody of said two minor children is given to Manju and Dalip Singh-petitioners who undertake to bear the expenses of upbringing of said two minors and seeks protection.

In view of the matter, the petition is disposed of with a direction to the State to assess the threat perception to the life and liberty of the petitioners and if necessary take corrective measures. However, at the same time, it is directed that the two minor children whose custody has been taken by petitioner No.1 shall stay with the petitioners. Dalip Singh-petitioner No.2 shall be responsible for paying the expenses of the upbringing of the said minors.

(KULDIP SINGH)
JUDGE

APRIL 11, 2016
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