

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

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CRM-M-37150-2018

Date of Decision: August 28, 2018

Smt. Manju Devi and another

.....Petitioner(s)

versus

State of Haryana and others

.....Respondent(s)

CORAM: HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE SUDHIR MITTAL

Present: Mr. S.K. Tripathi, Advocate for the petitioners

Sudhir Mittal, J. (Oral)

The petitioners are in a live-in-relationship and they fear for their lives and liberty at the hands of their relatives respondents No.6 to 9.

2. The petitioners are adult as is evident from their documents Annexures P-1 and P-2 and they have the right to live their lives the way they desire. The relatives of the petitioners have no right to interfere in their personal affairs.

3. In view of above, without commenting upon the legality of relationship between the petitioner, I deem it appropriate to direct respondent No.2 to ensure that life and liberty of the petitioners be protected by providing them adequate protection after carrying out a threat assessment and as and when deemed appropriate. The representation (Annexure P-3) already made as well as the facts mentioned in this petition shall be kept in mind by him.

4. The petition is accordingly disposed of.

5. However, in case any offence has been committed by either of the petitioners, this order would not come in the way of their criminal prosecution.

August 28, 2018

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JUDGE