

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

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CRM-M-37528-2018

Date of Decision: August 29, 2018

Neelam Rani and another

.....Petitioner(s)

versus

State of Punjab and others

.....Respondent(s)

CORAM: HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE SUDHIR MITTAL

Present: Mr. Puneet Bansal, Advocate
for the petitioners.

Sudhir Mittal, J. (Oral)

The present petition has been filed seeking protection of life and liberty as the petitioners fear that respondents No.4 to 11 (parents and other relations of petitioner No.1) will cause them bodily harm as their marriage has been performed against their wishes.

Notice of motion.

Mr. Rohit Verma, Advocate, puts in appearance and accepts notice on behalf of respondents No.4 and 5. He submits that petitioner No.2-Sonu Singh is already married and has a child from his previous marriage and that petitioner No.1 is not aware of the same.

I have spoken to petitioner No.1 in open Court. She says that she is aware of the previous marriage of petitioner No.2, as well as the fact that he has a child from the same. The earlier wife and child are also residing in the same house and that despite the same, she wants to reside with petitioner No.2.

It is thus, evident that the marriage of the petitioners is illegal and void. However, petitioner No.1 is major and she cannot be stopped from having a live-in-relationship with petitioner No.2 which she has entered into with open eyes.

The petition is disposed of with a direction to respondents No.2 and 3 to protect life and liberty of the petitioners in case it is found necessary and in case they approach them for the same.

The above directions are without prejudice to the rights of the parties to avail any other remedy available to them in accordance with law.

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JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes
Whether Reportable : No