

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

CWP-29599-2019
Date of decision: 14.10.2019

Naseem and another

.....Petitioners.

vs.

State of Haryana and others

.....Respondents.

CORAM: - HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SANJAY KUMAR

Present: - Mr. Mazlish Khan, Advocate for the petitioners.

Mr. Siddharth Sanwaria, DAG, Haryana.

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Sanjay Kumar, J. (ORAL)

Petitioners claim to have gotten married on 5.10.2019 as per Muslim rites and rituals. Petitioner No. 1 belongs to Muslim community whereas petitioner No. 2 originally belonged to Hindu Community. She is stated to have converted to Islam thereafter.

By way of the present writ petition, petitioners seek a direction to the State of Haryana to protect their life and liberty from respondents No. 4 to 14, who are the relations of the petitioners, and to see that they do not interfere in their married life.

Learned Deputy Advocate General would concede that the State is bound to provide protection to both the petitioners but in the light of the aforestated facts, which would raise communal tensions, it would be appropriate that the State be given the liberty of providing accommodation to the petitioners in a State house/protection home, so as to ensure that there is no danger to their life and liberty.

As this Court does not propose to go into the merits of the matter, there is no necessity to put the unofficial respondents on notice or afford them an opportunity of hearing.

At this stage, this Court is only concerned with the issue of the safety of the petitioners, which is the obligation of the State. As the State itself is willing to fulfill this obligation by providing accommodation to the petitioners and taking appropriate action as deemed fit to ensure their safety, the present writ petition is disposed of with a direction to respondent No. 1 to take adequate and necessary steps, as indicated above, to protect the life and liberty of the petitioners.

A copy of this order be given under signatures of the Bench Secretary of this Court.

(SANJAY KUMAR)
JUDGE

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