

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

**CRWP No.3754 of 2020 (O&M)
Date of Decision.15.06.2020
(Heard through VC)**

Pooja Rani and another

...Petitioners

Vs

State of Punjab and others

...Respondents

CORAM:HON'BLE MS. JUSTICE JAISHREE THAKUR

Present: Mr. Brijesh Kumar Sharma, Advocate
for the petitioners.

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JAISHREE THAKUR J. (ORAL)

Learned counsel for the petitioner would submit that petitioner No.1 was married to respondent No.7 on 18.05.2013 and one son was born out of the wedlock. The husband of petitioner No.1 is a mentally retarded person and the petitioner was being harassed by respondents No.5 to 8 from the very first day of the marriage. She informed her parents i.e. respondents No.9 to 10 about the ill-treatment that was being given to her but they instead of helping her out, disowned her by giving a publication in the newspaper. After being thrown out of her matrimonial as well as paternal home, petitioner No.1 is now residing with petitioner No.2 since 22.04.2020. However, they apprehend danger from respondents No.5 to 11. In this regard, petitioner No.1 has also submitted a representation dated 01.06.2020 (Annexure P-4) to respondent No.2 but no action has been taken so far.

Notice of motion.

On the asking of Court, Mr. Gaurav Dhuriwala, Sr. DAG.,

Punjab, who is present through the medium of Video Conferencing, accepts

notice for the official respondents. Counsel for the petitioners is directed to e-mail a complete copy of paper book to the counsel appearing for the State during the course of day.

Without commenting on the relationship between petitioner No.1 and 2 and entering upon an exercise to evaluate the evidentiary value of the documents placed on the file, I dispose of this petition with direction to respondent No.2 to decide the representation of the petitioner No.1 (Annexure P-4) within a period of one week from the date of receipt of a copy of this order and grant them protection, if any threat to their life and liberty is perceived. It is made clear that this order shall not be taken to protect the petitioners from legal action for violation of law, if any committed by them.

(JAISHREE THAKUR)
JUDGE

June 15, 2020
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Whether speaking/reasoned Yes/No

Whether reportable Yes/No