

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

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CRWP-4414-2020 (O&M)

Date of decision: 03.07.2020

Asha Rani and another

... Petitioners

Vs.

State of Punjab and others

... Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SUVIR SEHGAL

Present:- Mr.Mandeep Kumar Dhot, Advocate for the petitioners.

SUVIR SEHGAL J. (ORAL)**CRM-W-498-2020**

Counsel for the petitioners submits that he will affix the court fee and file the original power of attorney within one week of the resumption of normal functioning of the Court. Permitted to do so.

Application is disposed of.

Main case

The Court has been convened through video conferencing due to Covid-19 pandemic.

Petitioners have filed the present petition seeking direction to respondents No.1 to 3 to provide protection to their life and liberty from the hands of respondents No. 4 to 10.

Asha Rani (petitioner No.1) and Karamjit Singh (petitioner No.2) claim themselves to be major. Petitioner No.1 was married to one Mohinder Ram who tortured and harassed her. She was turned out of the matrimonial home and her husband performed a second marriage. A Panchayati Divorce was executed between them. Petitioner No.2 is a

widower.

The marriage of petitioner No.1 is subsisting. In view of the above, the present petition is not maintainable.

The co-ordinate Bench of this Court vide order dated 14.05.2019 passed in CRM-M-21763-2019, *Dimple and another Versus State of Haryana and others*, in similar situation, had directed that in case the petitioners fear any threat to their life and liberty they may approach the Senior Superintendent of Police, who will consider their request.

Accordingly, it is directed that if the petitioners approach the police authorities, they shall independently assess the threat perception, if any to their life and liberty and may provide the required protection.

However, it is also made clear that this order shall not be taken to validate the alleged relationship of the petitioners or entitle them for any protection against their arrest or continuance of any criminal proceedings, if they are found involved in the commission of any cognizable offence. In case, the petitioners have committed any offence, the law will take its own course.

With the abovesaid observations and directions, the present petition stands disposed of.

03.07.2020

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JUDGE

Whether Speaking/Reasoned :	Yes/No
Whether Reportable :	Yes/No