

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

CRWP No.4418 of 2020

Date of Decision :06.07.2020

Rupa Devi and another

....Petitioners

versus

State of Haryana and others

....Respondents

Coram : Hon'ble Mr. Justice B.S. Walia

Present: Mr. Gaurav Sharma, Advocate for the petitioners.

B.S. Walia, J. (VC)

1. Case is being taken up for hearing through Video Conferencing due to the outbreak of pandemic Covid-19.

2. Learned counsel for the petitioners contends that petitioner No.1 is 44 years of age whereas petitioner No.2 is of 67 years of age and are in a live in relationship after petitioner No.1 obtained divorce from her husband and the wife of petitioner No.2 died.

3. Learned counsel states that the petitioners are being threatened with harm to their life and liberty at the hands of respondent Nos.4 to 7 and despite representation (Annexure P-3) dated 25.06.2020 having been submitted to respondent No.2, no action has been taken on the same, till date and that in the circumstances, the petitioners would be satisfied, if the writ petition is disposed of by directing respondent No.2 to consider and decide the representation (Annexure P-3) dated 25.06.2020, in accordance with law and provide protection to the petitioners.

4. Notice of motion to respondent Nos.1 to 3 only.

5. Ms. Tanisha Peshawaria, DAG, Haryana, accepts notice on behalf of respondent Nos.1 to 3 and having gone over advance copy of the petition supplied to her states that she has no objection to the limited prayer of the petitioners.

6. Accordingly, in the light of the position as noted above, but without commenting on the age of the petitioners or the validity

of the arrangement / relationship between the petitioners, the writ petition is disposed of with a direction to respondent No.2 to consider and decide the representation (Annexure P-3) dated 25.06.2020 with regard to protection of life and liberty, in accordance with law as expeditiously as possible and take such steps, as may be required in accordance with law to grant protection to the life and liberty of the petitioners after taking into account the threat perception to the petitioners at the hands of respondent Nos.4 to 7.

7. However, it is made clear that this order shall not be construed as an observation with regard to the relationship between the parties and shall also not be taken as a bar to any criminal or civil proceedings initiated against the petitioners in accordance with law.

(B.S. Walia)
Judge

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Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes/No
Whether reportable : Yes/No