IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT CHANDIGARH

CRWP-5625-2020 (O&M)

Date of decision : 06.08.2020

Kanchan Kumari and another

...Petitioners

Versus

U.T. Chandigarh and others

...Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE JITENDRA CHAUHAN

Present: Mr. J.S. Thakur, Advocate,
for the petitioners.

Mr. Lalit Kumar Gupta, Addl.P.P., U.T. Chandigarh.

JITENDRA CHAUHAN, J. (Oral)

The matter has been taken up through video-conferencing in the light of the pandemic COVID-19 situation and as per instructions.

Learned counsel for the petitioners contends that the petitioner No.1 is unmarried, whereas, petitioner No.2 is a married person. He was married forcibly when he was a minor for the purpose of Hindu Marriage Act. Both the petitioners have joined each other's company in a live-in relationship. Their relationship is opposed by respondent Nos.4 to 7, who are the family members of petitioner No.1.

Notice of motion.

At the asking of the Court, Mr. Lalit Kumar Gupta, Addl.P.P., U.T. Chandigarh, accepts notice on behalf of the respondent-Union Territory.

Though, petitioner No.2 is already married but the petitioners

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have invoked writ jurisdiction of this Court seeking enforcement of fundamental right to life and liberty enshrined under Article 21 of the Constitution of India.

Without expressing any opinion with regard to the validity of the relationship and on the merits of the assertions made in the petition, the instant petition is disposed of with the direction to respondent No.2-Senior Superintendent of Police, Chandigarh, to consider and decide representation dated 28.07.2020 (Annexure P-3) moved by the petitioners, expeditiously, as per law.

Till the decision is taken on the representation dated 28.07.2020 (Annexure P-3), respondent No.2 shall provide necessary protection to the petitioners, in accordance with law, so that no harm is caused to the life and liberty of the petitioners, at the hands of respondent Nos.4 to 7.

Disposed of.

06.08.2020 **(JITENDRA CHAUHAN)**
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Whether speaking / reasoned : Yes No

Whether Reportable : Yes No

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