

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

**CRWP-9248-2020(O&M)
Date of Decision:06.11.2020**

Sonia and others

..... Petitioners

versus

State of Punjab and others

..... Respondents

**CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE TEJINDER SINGH DHINDSA

Present: Mr.P.S.Bal, Advocate for the petitioners.

TEJINDER SINGH DHINDSA, J. (ORAL)

This case has been taken up through Video Conferencing via Webex facility in the light of Pandemic Covid-19 situation and as per instructions.

Petitioners have filed the instant petition seeking a writ of mandamus for issuance of directions to the official respondents to ensure protection of their life and liberty by voicing an apprehension and threat to the same at the hands of private respondents No.5 to 9.

Counsel has been heard and the case paper book has been perused.

Petitioner No.1 is the wife of respondent No.5. Out of wedlock two sons were born. It has been averred that the matrimonial alliance having run into rough weather petitioner No.1 has filed a divorce petition against her husband i.e. respondent No.5. She has chosen to leave her matrimonial home and has now taken shelter in the house of petitioner No.2 who is also a

married man. Petitioner No.2 is also stated to have initiated divorce proceedings against his wife. He is a Government employee otherwise. Petitioners No.3, 4 and 5 are the two real sisters and brother of petitioner No.2.

Apparently both petitioners No.1 and 2 are now staying under a common roof inspite of being married elsewhere and decrees of divorce having not been granted insofar as their respective partners are concerned.

Under no circumstances can this Court approve of such liaison.

Pleadings on record are wholly insufficient to infer any imminent danger to the life and liberty of the petitioners.

No intervention in the matter is warranted.

The instant order was dictated during the course of Video Conferencing wherein counsel had joined proceedings. Confronted with a situation where this Court was dismissing the petition, counsel makes a request for withdrawal of the same. Counsel has taken a chance and has argued the matter. Such a request at such a stage can only be termed as unfortunate and unfair. The same is declined.

Petition dismissed.

(TEJINDER SINGH DHINDSA)
JUDGE

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Whether speaking/reasoned
Whether Reportable

Yes/No
Yes/No