

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

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CRWP-9736-2020

Date of decision: 25.11.2020

Sukhvinder Kumar and another

... Petitioners

Vs.

The State of Punjab and others

... Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SUVIR SEHGAL

Present:- Mr.B.S.Baath, Advocate for the petitioners.

SUVIR SEHGAL J. (ORAL)

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 at the hands of respondents No. 4 to 6.

Sukhvinder Kumar (petitioner No.1) and Ritu Bala (petitioner No.2) claim themselves to be major. Petitioner No.1 was married to one Raj Kumari daughter of Hans Pal, but due to differences between them, the marriage was dissolved by written agreement on 25.07.2018. Now, he is residing with petitioner No.2 in live-in relationship.

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.

25.11.2020

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(SUVIR SEHGAL)**JUDGE**

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