

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

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**CRWP No.8766 of 2021
Date of decision:15.09.2021**

Shobha Rani and another

... Petitioners

Vs.

State of Punjab and others

... Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SUVIR SEHGAL

Present:- Mr. Virender Singh, Advocate
for the petitioners.

SUVIR SEHGAL, J. (Oral)

Heard through video conferencing.

Petitioners have filed the present petition seeking direction to respondents No.1 to 3 to protect their life and liberty from the hands of respondents No.4 & 5, their friends and relatives.

Shobha Rani (petitioner No.1) claims to be 39 years and Inderjit Singh (petitioner No.2) claims to be 48 years of age. Both the petitioners were earlier married. However, husband of petitioner No.1 expired on 15.08.2020, whereas, wife of petitioner No.2 is alive. Despite the fact that she has given 'No Objection' to her husband to live with another woman, such petition cannot be entertained.

In view of the above, the present petition is not maintainable.

A 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.

September 15, 2021
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(SUVIR SEHGAL)
JUDGE

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