

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

CRWP No. 260 of 2022 (O&M)

Date of decision: 10.03.2022

Sunita Rani and another

...Petitioners

Versus

State of Punjab and others

...Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ARVIND SINGH SANGWAN

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

ARVIND SINGH SANGWAN, J. (Oral)

On 12.01.2022, the following order was passed:

“Prayer in this petition is for issuance of directions to official respondents to protect the life and liberty of the petitioners from the hands of respondent Nos. 4 to 7.

Learned counsel for the petitioners submits that petitioner No. 2 Malkeet Singh was earlier married to respondent No. 6 Rajinder Kuar and two children were born out of the said wedlock, however, petitioner No. 2 has taken a panchayati divorce. It is further submitted that petitioner No. 1 Sunita Rani was also earlier married and she has also taken a panchayati divorce from his husband and now, both the petitioners are living together in live-in-relationship.

List again on 10.03.2022.

In the meantime, both the petitioners are directed to file an affidavit giving their details of the properties held by them; the manner in which, they are going to maintain their minor children; as to how without obtaining a divorce from a competent Court of Law, both the petitioners are living in an adulterous relationship with each other.”

In compliance with the aforesaid order, the petitioners have filed their respective affidavit.

As per affidavit, filed by petitioner No. 1 Sunita Rani, she is having an income of Rs. 20,000/- per month along with some moveable property and she can maintain the children.

Similarly, as per affidavit, filed by petitioner No. 2 Malkeet Singh, he is having an income of Rs. 20,000/- per month as he is working as a Solar System Technician and his children are studying in a private school namely Tagore Model School, Kamalwala and he is paying their school fee.

Without examining the question of validity or otherwise of the relationship of the petitioners, the present petition stands disposed of with a direction to the Senior Superintendent of Police, Fazilka to look into the grievance of the petitioners expressed in the representation (Annexure P-3) and take appropriate action, if any, warranted in the circumstances.

It is made clear that in case any FIR is registered against petitioner No.2, it will be open for the police authorities to take action, in accordance with law.

10.03.2022

Waseem Ansari

**(ARVIND SINGH SANGWAN)
JUDGE**

Whether speaking/reasoned

Yes/No

Whether reportable

Yes/No