

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

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CRWP No. 442 of 2022
Date of Decision: 18.01.2022

Seema Rani and another

....Petitioners

Versus

State of Haryana and others

...Respondents

CORAM:HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARINDER SINGH SIDHU

Present: Mr. Amit Singla, Advocate for the petitioners.

HARINDER SINGH SIDHU J.

The present petition has been filed under Article 226 of the Constitution seeking direction to respondent Nos. 1 to 4 to provide protection to the lives and liberty of the petitioners at the hands of private respondent Nos.5 to 10.

It has been averred that petitioner No.1 is aged about 28 years and petitioner No.2 is aged about 26 years. The date of birth of petitioner No.1 is 25.05.1993 while date of birth of petitioner No.2 is 03.05.1995. Copies of Aadhar Cards of petitioner Nos.1 & 2 to this effect are attached as Annexures P-1 and P-2 respectively.

It is stated that petitioners are married. Petitioner No.1 has strained relationship with her husband and there are two children from the marriage of petitioner No.1. Daughter-Laxmi is residing with petitioner No.1 and the son namely Sahil is residing with Roshan Lal. Whereas, petitioner No.2 has also strained relationship with his wife. There is one child from the marriage of petitioner No.2, namely,

Jasmine, who is residing with his wife.

Both the petitioners were fed up from their marriage and they decided to live together. Now, the petitioners are living together in a live- in relationship. Respondents No.5 to 10 are unhappy with this relationship, therefore, the petitioners apprehend danger to their lives at the hands of private respondents. In this regard, the petitioners have submitted separate representations dated 08.01.2022 (Annexures P-4 and P-5) to respondents No.2 and 4 seeking protection of their lives and liberty at the hands of the private respondents.

After hearing counsel for the petitioners and without expressing any opinion on the merits of the case or the legal status of the relationship of the petitioners the present petition is disposed of with direction to respondent No.4 to look into the said representation with regard to safeguarding life and liberty of the petitioners and take necessary action as may be necessary, in accordance with law.

It is clarified that this order is limited to protection of life and liberty of the petitioners. It does not and cannot confer immunity to the petitioners from any legal action at the hands of private respondents and their rights/obligations/responsibilities arising out of their subsisting marriage

**[HARINDER SINGH SIDHU
JUDGE**

January 18, 2022

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Whether speaking/reasoned

Yes/no

Whether reportable?

Yes/no