

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT  
CHANDIGARH

CRWP-1592-2022

Date of decision : 22.2.2022

Rani Sharma and another

..... Petitioner (s)

Versus

UT Chandigarh and others

..... Respondent (s)

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARINDER SINGH SIDHU

Present: Mr. Bhupender Singh, Advocate  
for petitioners.

Mr. Viranjeet Singh Mahal, Additional PP  
for UT Chandigarh.

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HARINDER SINGH SIDHU, J.

This petition has been filed under Article 226 of Constitution of India seeking direction to respondents No. 2 and 3 to provide protection to the lives and liberty of the petitioners at the hands of private respondents No. 4 to 7.

It is averred that petitioners are major. Petitioner No. 1 is married with respondent No. 7. Petitioner No. 2 is unmarried. Out of marriage, petitioner No. 1 has 2 children aged about 7 and 9 years. The children are staying with petitioner No. 1. She has not yet obtained divorce from respondent No. 7. It is stated that respondent No. 7 is an alcoholic because of which petitioner No. 1 left her matrimonial house and started living in live-in relationship with petitioner No. 2. It is stated that petitioners apprehend danger to their life and liberty at the hands of private respondents No. 4 to 7. In this regard, petitioners have submitted representation dated 16.2.2022 (Annexure P-3) to respondent No. 2 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. 2 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 spouse of petitioner No. 1 and her rights/obligations/responsibilities arising out of her subsisting marriage

(HARINDER SINGH SIDHU)  
JUDGE

22.2.2022

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Whether reasoned order : Yes / No

Whether reportable : Yes / No