

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT
CHANDIGARH

CRWP-2405-2022

Date of decision : 17.3.2022

Parveen Kumari and another	Versus	 Petitioner (s)
State of Punjab and others		 Respondent (s)

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARINDER SINGH SIDHU

Present: Mr. Charandeep Singh, Advocate
for petitioners.

Mr. Rehat Bir Singh Mann, DAG Punjab.

(Through Video Conferencing)

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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.

It is averred that petitioners are major. Petitioner No. 1 is married with respondent No. 9. Petitioner No. 2 is unmarried. Out of earlier marriage of petitioner No. 1, one child is born who is staying with respondent No. 9 (husband of petitioner No. 1). Petitioner No. 1 has not yet obtained divorce from respondent No. 9. It is stated that petitioner No. 1 left her matrimonial home 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. In this regard, they have submitted representation dated 8.3.2022 (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 relationship of petitioners, this petition is disposed of with a direction to respondent No. 2 to look into said representation with regard to safeguarding life and liberty of 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 petitioners. It does not and cannot confer immunity to 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

17.3.2022

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Whether reasoned order : Yes / No

Whether reportable : Yes / No