

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

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**CRWP-12137-2022 (O&M)
Decided on : 15.02.2023**

Lalita Devi and another

... Petitioners

Versus

State of Haryana and others

... Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SANJAY VASHISTH

PRESENT: Mr. Salinder Kumar Saini, Advocate for the petitioners.

Mr. Pawan Kumar Jhanda, AAG, Haryana.

SANJAY VASHISTH, J. (Oral)

Order dated 23.12.2022 passed by this Court says as under:

“Counsel for the petitioners seeks an adjournment to study the law recently introduced in the State of Haryana i.e. ‘the Haryana Prevention of Unlawful Conversion of Religion Bill, 2022’.

Adjourned to 12.01.2023”.

Order dated 12.01.2023 passed by this Court says as under:

“By way of filing this petition, petitioners seek necessary protection of their lives and personal liberty in view of the fact that they have not solemnized their marriage so far and are living in a live-in relationship and are under eminent threat at the hands of respondents No.4 to 7.

Learned counsel for the petitioners submits that

both the petitioners are major and are living in a live-in relationship. Petitioner No. 2 who was earlier Mohammedan by religion has converted to Hindu religion but not in accordance to the provisions of law of 'The Haryana Prevention of Unlawful Conversion of Religion Act, 2022'.

However, Mr. Saini, submits that he will immediately move an application according to the said law for his lawful conversion from Mohammedan to Hindu.

Learned counsel for the petitioners further submits that respondents No. 4 to 7 are after the blood of the petitioners to eliminate them and therefore, feeling apprehensive at the hands of private respondents No.4 to 7, petitioners have allegedly moved representation dated 20.12.2022 (Annexure P-4) to Superintendent of Police, Panipat (respondent No.2), wherein, all the apprehensions qua their lives and liberty have been expressed.

Notice of motion.

At this stage, Mr. Vikas Bhardwaj, AAG, Punjab (State Counsel) has pointed out that in fact, petitioner No. 1 is the daughter of respondent No. 4 (Suresh Chandra),who seems to be permanent resident of State of U.P. and even petitioner No. 2 has also not given any details in the petition as to what is his qualifications and under what status he is running a clinic and originally from where he belongs.

In this view of the situation, counsel for the petitioners is directed to file an additional affidavit in

regard to the complete details and antecedents of both the petitioners, before next date of hearing.

Adjourned to 30.01.2023.”

Thereafter, on 30.01.2023 following order was passed by this Court:

“CRM-W-116-2023

Prayer in the present application is for placing on record the additional affidavit alongwith identity proofs relating to permanent residence of petitioner No. 2 as Annexures P-5 to P-8.

Notice in the application.

On asking of the Court, Mr. Vikas Bhardwaj, AAG, Haryana, accepts notice on behalf of respondent(s)-State. He does not raise any serious objection, if the prayer made the present application is allowed.

In view of the prayer made in the application, same is allowed. Additional affidavit and identity proofs relating to the permanent residence are ordered to be taken on record as Annexures P-5 to P-8. Registry is directed to tag the same at appropriate place.

Application stands disposed of.

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Status report dated 27.01.2023 by way of an affidavit of Om Parkash, HPS, Deputy Superintendent of Police, Samalkha, District Panipat has been filed by learned State counsel and same is taken on record. Registry is directed to tag the same at appropriate place.

Copy of the same has also been handed over to counsel opposite.

Learned counsel for the petitioners seeks time to address arguments and to assist the Court on the issue of conversion from one religion to another religion.

Adjourned to 15.02.2023.”

Today, at the very outset, learned counsel for the petitioners seeks withdrawal of the present petition.

Dismissed as withdrawn.

(SANJAY VASHISTH)
JUDGE

15.02.2023
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Whether speaking/reasoned: ***Yes/No***
Whether Reportable: ***Yes/No***