

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB & HARYANA AT CHANDIGARH

Crl. Writ Petition No. 2494 of 2024
Date of Decision: March 18, 2024

Geeta and another
.....Petitioners
versus
State of Haryana and others
.....Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE HARPREET SINGH BRAR

Present:- Mr. R.P.S. Jammu, Advocate and
Mr. R.K. Poonia, Advocate
for the petitioners

Ms. Geeta Sharma, DAG Haryana

Harpreet Singh Brar, J. (Oral)

1. The present petition has been filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India read with Section 482 Cr.P.C. with a prayer for seeking protection of life and liberty of the petitioners from the hands of private respondents No. 5 to 7 as well as local police.
2. Learned counsel for the petitioners contends that petitioner No.1 was married to respondent No. 7 about 12 years back where she was tortured by her husband to the maximum limit. First marriage of petitioner No. 2 was solemnized with Seema D/o Ram Dass in the year 2006 but due to some differences between husband and wife, a panchayati divorce was made in the year 2007. Now, the petitioner No.1 is living with petitioner No.2 in live in relationship but the said relationship is not acceptable to her in-laws and they are threatening to petitioners with dire consequences. The petitioners apprehend

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danger to their life and liberty from respondents No. 5 to 7 and in this regard, submitted a representation dated 11.03.2024 (Annexure P-1) to respondent No.3 but no action has been taken so far.

- 3. Notice of motion to official respondents only.
- 4. Ms. Geeta Sharma, DAG Haryana, who is present in Court accepts notice for the official respondents. Counsel for the petitioners is directed to supply a copy of complete paper book to the counsel appearing for the State during the course of the day.
- 5. Without commenting on the validity of their relationship and entering upon an exercise to evaluate the evidentiary value of the documents placed on the file, I dispose of this petition with direction to respondent No. 3 to decide the representation of the petitioners (Annexure P-1) within a period of one week from the date of receipt of a copy of this order and and grant them protection, if there is any threat to their life and liberty in accordance with law.
- 6. It is made clear that this order shall not be taken to protect the petitioners from legal action for violation of law, if any committed by them.

(HARPREET SINGH BRAR)
JUDGE

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