

In the High Court of Punjab and Haryana at Chandigarh

CRM M-20329 of 2015
Date of Decision: July 01, 2015

Deepali and another

... Petitioners

Versus

State of Punjab and others

... Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE PARAMJEET SINGH

Present: Mr. Dheeraj Mahajan, Advocate,
for the petitioners.

Paramjeet Singh, J. (Oral)

Instant petition has been filed under Section 482 of the Code of Criminal Procedure seeking protection of life and liberty of the petitioners from respondent nos. 4 to 8. The petitioners assert that they are major and as there is no legal impediment, they have got married. They have already moved representation dated 13.06.2015 (Annexure P/5) to respondent no.3 i.e. S.H.O., Police Station City Gurdaspur, for protecting their life and liberty.

Instant petition is disposed of with liberty to the petitioners to approach concerned police authorities for protection, as per instructions dated 10.08.2010 issued by the Home Department, Punjab, in this regard. Police authorities shall verify the facts. If required, petitioners will be provided adequate security.

In the meantime, petitioners shall not be arrested in this case. However, this will not prevent the concerned police authorities to proceed against the petitioners in accordance with law, if they are found involved in any other case. The police authorities shall also verify the facts with regard to age and antecedents of the petitioners.

It is made clear that this order is qua protection only and shall not be construed that the petitioners have contracted legal marriage. They have to prove legality of their marriage in appropriate proceedings.

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[Paramjeet Singh]
Judge

Before this order could be signed, learned counsel for the petitioners, along with petitioners, appeared in Court and stated that after the aforesaid petition was heard and disposed of, the petitioners were apprehended by the private respondents in the High Court premises and were threatened to be eliminated. They are apprehending serious danger to their life and liberty at the hands of private respondents i.e. father, maternal uncle and cousin brothers of petitioner no.1. Learned counsel further states that for safety of the petitioners, they may be sent to protection home/Nari Niketan at Chandigarh so that their life and liberty be saved at the hands of private respondents. In this regard, affidavits dated 01.07.2015 of both the petitioners have also been filed, which are taken on record.

Keeping in view the above, as prayed by the petitioners, petitioner no.1 is directed to be kept in Nari Niketan, Chandigarh and petitioner no.2 is directed to be kept in Protection Home, Chandigarh. Petitioners will be at liberty to move application to this Court for their release from the Protection Home/Nari Niketan, as and when they deem appropriate.

Copy of this order be given to the police authorities concerned under the signatures of the Bench Secretary, for compliance.

July 01, 2015
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[Paramjeet Singh]
Judge