

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT CHANDIGARH

Criminal Misc. No. M-10172 of 2016

Date of decision: 21.03.2016

Santosh Rani and another

...Petitioners

Versus

State of Punjab and others

...Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE INDERJIT SINGH

Present: Mr. Narinder S. Lucky, Advocate
for the petitioners.

INDERJIT SINGH, J.

Petitioners have filed this petition under Section 482 Cr.P.C. for issuance of directions to respondent Nos.1 to 3 to protect their life and liberty and to provide adequate security to protect them from respondent Nos.4 to 11, who are father, mother, brother, sister, paternal uncle (fufar), maternal aunt (massi), maternal uncle (massar) and cousin of petitioner No.1. The petitioners, who are present in Court today, further contend that they being major have solemnized marriage with their own consent in accordance with law. The private respondents are not accepting the marriage of the petitioners and are extending threats to them. The copy of Educational Certificate of petitioner No.1 (Annexure P-1), copy of Voter I-Card of petitioner No.2 (Annexure P-2), marriage photographs (Annexure P-3) and copy of marriage certificate (Annexure P-4) of the petitioners have been placed on record.

At this stage, Mr. Gurpal Singh Sandhu, Advocate has appeared and filed power of attorney on behalf of respondents No.5 and 6.

Without going into the validity of the marriage, the present petition is disposed of with the directions to the petitioners to contact respondent Nos.2 and 3, who, after their satisfaction that the petitioners are actually facing threat, shall take necessary steps to protect the life and liberty of the petitioners from private respondent Nos.4 to 11, as per law.

However, it is made clear that this order, in no way, will affect any other proceedings pending or to be filed against the petitioners etc., which are to be dealt with independently as per law.

March 21, 2016
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(INDERJIT SINGH)
JUDGE