

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

CRM-M-16693 of 2016
DECIDED ON: May 13, 2016

VANDANA RANI AND ANOTHERPETITIONERS

VERSUS

STATE OF PUNJAB AND OTHERSRESPONDENTS

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE JASPAL SINGH

1. Whether Reporters of local papers may be allowed to see the judgment?
2. To be referred to the Reporters or not?
3. Whether the judgment should be reported in the Digest?

Present: Petitioners in person along with
Mr. Abhishek Arora, Advocate.

JASPAL SINGH, J (ORAL)

This is a petition under Section 482 of the Code of Criminal Procedure for issuance of directions to respondents No.1 to 3 to protect the lives and liberty of the petitioners from the hands of respondents No.4 to 9.

2. Notice to respondents No. 1 to 3 only at this stage.
3. At the asking of Court, Mr. K.S. Pannu, DAG, Punjab accepts notice on behalf of respondent-State of Punjab. Copy of the petition be supplied to learned State counsel during the course of day.
4. The present petition is disposed of with a direction to respondent No.2- Senior Superintendent of Police, Khanna, Punjab to look into the grievances unfolded by the petitioners in their representation dated May 10, 2016 (Annexure P-4) and if respondent No.2 finds that there is threat perception to the petitioners, he shall

provide the necessary protection, if so required.

5. While parting with this order, this Court cannot lost sight of the fact that petitioner No.2 is less than 21 years and he has solemnized marriage with petitioner No.1, which is in violation of the provisions of the Prohibition of Child Marriage Act, 2006. The Senior Superintendent of Police, Khanna is directed to register a case and to investigate the same, and if a case is made out, to proceed with the same in accordance with law. However, it is made clear that parents of petitioners are not a party to the marriage, rather marriage is against their wish and consent. So, they shall not be involved in this case in any manner.

6. However, this order shall not be construed as a measure to treat the marriage of the petitioners valid or legal.

May 13, 2016
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(JASPAL SINGH)
JUDGE