

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB & HARYANA AT CHANDIGARH

Crl. Misc. No. M-9827 of 2018

Date of Decision: March 08, 2018

Rashmi Sharma and another

.....Petitioners

versus

State of Punjab and others

.....Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE SUDHIR MITTAL

Present: Mr. A.S. Virk, Advocate for the petitioners

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Sudhir Mittal, J. (Oral)

The present petition has been filed seeking protection of life and liberty as the petitioners fear that respondents No. 4 to 10 (father, mother and other relatives of petitioner No. 1) will cause them bodily harm as their marriage has been performed against their wishes.

Notice of motion.

Mr. Kirat Singh Sidhu, DAG Punjab accepts notice on behalf of respondents No. 1 to 3. Let four copies of the petition be supplied to him during the course of the day.

Ms. Monika Sharma, Advocate has put in appearance on behalf of respondent No. 4.

Learned counsel for the petitioners contends that petitioners are both above the age of consent and have married freely and willingly and are intending to spend rest of their life together.

However, it is contended on behalf of respondent No. 4 that while leaving parental home, petitioner No. 1 has stolen a sum of Rs. 1,00,000/- and that the same should be returned, apart from that there is no other grievance.

Considering the fact that the petitioners are both above the age of consent and also that now even respondent No. 4 does not have any objection, the petitioners are entitled to protection of their life and liberty. Respondent No. 3 is

directed to take action in accordance with law for protecting their life and liberty, in case it appears that same is endangered. The petitioners would be entitled to approach respondent No. 3, if they apprehend any threat at the hand of respondents No. 4 to 10. So far as the allegation regarding stealing of Rs. 1,00,000/- is concerned, if it is true, the same shall be considered to be a gift by respondent No. 4 to his daughter.

The petition is accordingly disposed of.

March 08, 2018

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JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes/No

Whether Reportable : Yes/No