

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

CRM No. M- 64414 of 2018
Decided on : 24.12.2018

Deena Rani and another

...Petitioners

Versus

State of Punjab and others

...Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARSIMRAN SINGH SETHI

Present: Mr. D.S. Matya, Advocate for the petitioners.

Harsimran Singh Sethi, J.(Oral)

The petitioners are seeking a direction to respondents No. 1 to 3 to protect their life and liberty as they apprehend danger from respondents No. 4 and 5.

It is stated in the petition that petitioners have solemnized their marriage against the will of private respondents and they have apprehension that the private respondents might cause physical harm to them.

Learned counsel for the petitioners has drawn my attention to the representation dated 20.12.2018 sent by the petitioners to respondent No. 2-Senior Superintendent of Police, Shahid Bhagat Singh Nagar (Punjab) (Annexure P-5).

Issue notice to respondents No. 1 to 3 only.

At the asking of the Court Mr. Dhruv Dayal, Senior Deputy Advocate General, Punjab, accepts notice on behalf of respondents No. 1

to 3.

Without making any observation on the merits of the case, especially in respect of the marriage solemnized by the petitioners, a direction is issued to respondent Nos. 2-Senior Superintendent of Police, Shahid Bhagat Singh Nagar (Punjab) and SHO, Police Station Banga, District SBS Nagar that in case the petitioners approach them for the grant of protection for their life and liberty as they are apprehending threats at the hands of respondents No. 4 and 5, it may be ensured that the life and liberty of the petitioners is not compromised in any manner.

It is clarified that this order shall not be treated as an approval of this Court about the marriage of the parties and no opinion with regard to the validity of the marriage has been expressed in this order.

The writ petition stands disposed of.

December 24, 2018
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(HARSIMRAN SINGH SETHI)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned ? *Yes/No*
Whether reportable ? *Yes/No*