

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

CRM-M-54837-2018

Date of Decision:-11.12.2018

Khushnuma and another

... Petitioners

Versus

State of Punjab and others

... Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE GURVINDER SINGH GILL

Present:- Mr. Raj Kumar Arya, Advocate
for the petitioners.

GURVINDER SINGH GILL, J. (Oral)

Petitioners – Khushnuma and Gurpartap Singh have averred that they have married against wishes of respondents No.4 and 5, who are parents of petitioner No.1. The petitioners have annexed copies of their Aadhar Cards indicating that the petitioners are aged 20 years and 24 years, respectively.

The petitioners apprehend threat to their life and liberty at the hands of respondents No.4 & 5 and thus seek issuance of appropriate directions.

At this stage, Mr. Vinay Kumar, Advocate has put in appearance on behalf of respondent No.4 and has filed power of attorney. He has expressed that respondent No.4 i.e. father of petitioner No.1 is also present in person and wishes to have a word with his daughter i.e. petitioner No.1.

In view of the aforesaid request, respondent No.4 was permitted to meet

petitioner No.1 outside the Court. After a short while, when the respondent No.4 and petitioner No.1 came back the petitioner No.1 was firm on her stand that she wishes to reside with petitioner No.2. Respondent No.4 was accordingly advised not to cause any harm to the petitioners under any circumstances and that he may have recourse to legal remedies as may be available to him.

The petition is disposed of with a direction to respondent No.2-Senior Superintendent of Police, Tarn Taran to look into the representation (Annexure P-4) made by petitioners, in accordance with law, immediately upon receipt of certified copy of this order. In case any serious apprehension of threat to the life and liberty of the petitioners is found, requisite steps be taken immediately, in accordance with law, to protect life and liberty of the petitioners.

It is however clarified that the aforesaid order shall not be interpreted to mean any expression as regards validity of marriage of the petitioners. In case, it is found that any of the petitioner has committed any offence, needless to mention that they shall be liable for the consequences thereof.

11.12.2018

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**(Gurvinder Singh Gill)
Judge**

Whether speaking /reasoned Yes / No

Whether Reportable Yes / No