

**In the High Court for the States of Punjab and Haryana
At Chandigarh**

CRM-M-18803-2019 (O&M)

Date of Decision:- 26.4.2019

Akashdeep Singh and another

... Petitioners

Versus

State of Punjab and others

... Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE GURVINDER SINGH GILL

Present:- Petitioner No.1-Akashdeep Singh in person.

GURVINDER SINGH GILL, J. (Oral)

The petitioners have approached this Court seeking issuance of direction to respondents No.2 to 4 to protect their life and liberty as they apprehend threat to the same at the hands of respondents No.5 to 9.

Petitioner No.1-Akashdeep Singh, is present in person and has been heard.

It is the case of the petitioners that they were having a love affair, but the parents of petitioner No.2 did not approve of the same and wanted to forcibly marry petitioner No.2 with some boy, against her wishes. While petitioner No.1 is stated to be aged 23 years, petitioner No.2 Bevi Kaur is stated to be aged about 17 years.

It is averred in the petition that since the parents of petitioner No.2 did not approve of the relationship of the petitioners and wanted to forcibly marry petitioner No.2 with somebody else, petitioner No.2 ultimately left her house on 9.4.2019 and started residing with petitioner No.1 as they were already known to each other. However, the private respondents i.e. the relatives of petitioner No.2 are stated to be continuously threatening the petitioners with dire consequences constraining the petitioners to approach this Court.

Petitioner No.1, who is present in person has informed that although petitioner No.2 had accompanied him today to the High Court, but she has been forcibly taken away by the private respondents from the premises of the High Court and he apprehends that she may either be eliminated or forcibly married with somebody else against her wishes.

Having perused the petition and having heard the petitioner No.1, the petition is disposed of with a direction to the Senior Superintendent of Police, Tarn Taran (respondent No.2) to look into the matter and to dispose of representation dated 15.4.2019 (Annexure P-1) made by petitioners immediately, in accordance with law. In case it is found that there is any imminent threat to the life and liberty of the petitioners, then it be ensured that no harm is caused to the petitioners.

Further, since it has been informed by petitioner No.1 that petitioner No.2 has been forcibly taken away by private respondents, from the premises of this Court and she may be forcibly married to somebody else against her wishes, respondent No.2 is directed to act quickly and to contact the parents and relatives of petitioner No.2 immediately and to ensure that

petitioner No.2 is not forcibly married against her wishes. It is however, made clear that this order shall not confer any immunity upon petitioners from any action warranted under law.

A copy of this order be sent to the the Senior Superintendent of Police, Tarn Taran (respondent No.2) so as to enable him to do the needful expeditiously.

A copy of this order be also furnished to petitioner No.1 under signatures of Bench Secretary of this Court.

April 26, 2019
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(GURVINDER SINGH GILL)
JUDGE

Whether speaking /reasoned	Yes / No
Whether Reportable	Yes / No