

**108 IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH**

Civil Writ Petition No. 17024 of 2019 (O&M)

Date of decision : June 21, 2019

Sonika and another

.....Petitioners

Versus

State of Punjab and others

....Respondents

CORAM:- HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE LISA GILL

Present: Mr. Amit Wadhwa, Advocate
for the petitioners.

LISA GILL, J.

Petitioners seek protection of their life and liberty as they apprehend danger at the hands of respondents No. 4 to 7 and other relatives because they have married each other on 19.06.2019 against the wishes of the said respondents.

Both the petitioners present in Court, duly identified by their counsel, on being asked submit that they have solemnized marriage with each other out of their own free will and volition. Petitioners state that this is their first marriage.

It is contended that the petitioners are major, their date of birth being 06.06.1996 and 17.10.1990, respectively. True copies of Adhaar Cards of both the petitioners are appended with the petition as Annexures P1 and P2, respectively. A copy of the Marriage Certificate and the photographs of the marriage are on record as Annexures P3 and P4, respectively. Petitioners, it is stated, submitted representation dated 19.06.2019 (Annexure P5) to respondent No.2 i.e., the Senior Superintendent of Police, Hoshiarpur for redressal of their grievance but no action has been taken thereon.

Notice of motion to respondents No. 1 to 3.

Mr. Charanpreet Singh, AAG, Punjab, on the asking of the Court, accepts notice on behalf of respondents No.1 to 3. Copies of the petition have been handed over to learned counsel for the State.

Without commenting upon the age of the petitioners or the validity of their marriage or the validity and genuineness of the certificates/documents appended with the petition, respondent No.2 – Senior Superintendent of Police, Hoshiarpur is directed to look into representation dated 19.06.2019 (Annexure P5) submitted by the petitioners and take appropriate action if any/as may be required, keeping in view the threat perception to the petitioners.

It is, however, made clear that this order shall have no effect on the validity of the alleged marriage of the petitioners and neither will any other civil or criminal proceedings initiated against the petitioners be barred due to this order.

Petition is disposed of accordingly.

June 21, 2019
rts

(Lisa Gill)
Judge

Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes/No
Whether reportable : Yes/No