

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT CHANDIGARH

CWP-34006-2019

Date of Decision:-21.11.2019.

Khushbu and another

.....Petitioners

Versus

State of Punjab and others

.....Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SANJAY KUMAR

Present: Petitioners in person with
Mr. Kanav Bansal, Advocate for the petitioners.

SANJAY KUMAR, J. (Oral)

This writ petition was filed seeking a direction to the police authorities of the State of Punjab to protect the lives and liberty of the petitioners. The petitioners claim to have gotten married and the marriage certificate dated 19.11.2019 issued by the Prachin Pashupati Nath Shiv Mandir, M.D.C., Sector 6, Panchkula, Haryana, is produced in evidence thereof. It is their case that they face a threat from the family members of the first petitioner, Khushbu, who is aged over 18 years.

When this matter was taken up for hearing during the morning session today, Ms. Sumanpreet Aulakh, learned counsel, stated that she is instructed to appear for the parents of the first petitioner, who are arrayed as respondent Nos.4 and 5 in this writ petition. She filed her power of attorney, which is taken on record.

Upon interacting with the first petitioner and her parents, respondent Nos.4 and 5, in chambers, this Court finds that neither party is willing to budge from their respective stand. As the first petitioner is admittedly a major as on date, it is for her to decide for herself as to what course of action she chooses to take. The first petitioner categorically stated that she does not want to be parted from the second petitioner. Thereupon, her parents stated that they wish to have nothing more to do with her.

In that view of the matter, the writ petition is disposed of directing the Senior Superintendent of Police, Patiala, the second respondent, to take appropriate action, if warranted, upon the representation dated 19.11.2019 (Annexure P-5) submitted to him by the first petitioner in relation to protection of the lives and liberty of the petitioners.

It is clarified that this order shall not be treated as a stamp of approval or validity by this Court as to marriage of the parties, if any.

It is also made clear that this order shall have no import in the event any challenge is made as to the validity of the said marriage.

No order as to costs.

(SANJAY KUMAR)
JUDGE

November 21, 2019.

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Whether speaking/reasoned:-

Yes / No

Whether Reportable:-

Yes / No.