

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

CRM-M-50056-2018 (O&M)

Date of Decision:-01.02.2019

Diksha Rani and another

... Petitioners

Versus

State of Punjab and others

... Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE GURVINDER SINGH GILL

Present:- Mr. Tejinder Kataria, Advocate
for the petitioners.

Ms. Simranjeet Kaur, AAG, Punjab.

GURVINDER SINGH GILL, J. (Oral)

CRM-43766-2018

1. In view of the reasons mentioned in the application, the application is preponed from 17.05.2019 and is taken on board today.
2. Since non-applicant/petitioner No.1-Deksha Rani as well as applicants/respondents No.4 and 5 are present in the Court, they were permitted to meet for a short while outside the Court. After said meeting, learned counsel for applicants assured that private respondents will not

cause any harm to the non-applicants/petitioners. The application is also accompanied affidavits of Ashok Kumar Bajaj, Rajni Rani, Raj Kumar Bajaj and Ashwani Kumar wherein also said deponents have deposed that they would not cause any harm to the non-applicants/petitioners.

3. The application stands disposed of.

Main Case

1. Learned State counsel has filed a status report by way of affidavit of Pritam Singh, PPS, Senior Superintendent of Police, Ferozepur, District Ferozepur, wherein it has been informed that the petitioners have been provided adequate security and have been sent to Shelter Centre, Ferozepur.
2. Petitioners – Diksha Rani and Sahil Kumar have averred that they have married against wishes of respondents no.4 to 6, who are parents and relative of petitioner No.1 and as such apprehend threat to their lives and liberty at the hands of respondents no.4 to 6 and thus seek issuance of appropriate directions for their protection.
3. Having heard rival contentions addressed before this Court, respondent No.2-Senior Superintendent of Police, Ferozepur is directed to assess threat perception of petitioners and shall take a decision as to whether the petitioners are required to be kept in Shelter Centre, Ferozepur any longer or not. In case, it is found that there is no imminent threat to lives and liberty of petitioners then the petitioners be permitted to reside in the home and it be ensured that no harm is caused to the petitioners.
4. The petition is disposed off in the above mentioned terms.

5. It is, however, made clear that this order shall not be taken to be an expression as regards validity of the alleged marriage of the parties and shall not be deemed to confer any immunity upon petitioners from any action warranted under law for having married before the marriageable age.

01.02.2019

Gaurav Sorot

(Gurvinder Singh Gill)
Judge

Whether speaking /reasoned

Yes / No

Whether Reportable

Yes / No