

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

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CRWP-2597-2019

Date of decision: 24.12.2019

Resham Singh and others

....Petitioners

versus

State of Punjab and others

....Respondents

CORAM: Hon'ble Mr. Justice Girish Agnihotri

Present: Mr. Manish Singh, Advocate
for the petitioners.

GIRISH AGNIHOTRI, J. (Oral)

The present petition has been filed by the petitioners/Resham Singh and four others, *inter alia* praying for directions to respondents No.2 to 5 to protect life and liberty of the petitioners from respondents No.6 to 11.

Learned counsel for the petitioners submits that petitioners No.5 & 4 had earlier filed CWP-33803-2019. Petitioners No.5 & 4 had pleaded in the earlier writ petition that they were major and they have married each other with their own will. The said writ petition was disposed of by passing the following order on 20.11.2019 (Annexure P-1):-

“Heard.

Pleadings on record have been perused.

As this Court does not propose to go into the merits of the matter, there is no necessity to put the unofficial respondents on notice or afford them an

opportunity of hearing.

The writ petition is disposed of with a direction to respondent No. 2- the Senior Superintendent of Police, Faridkot, that in case any representation is filed seeking protection of life and liberty, the contents thereof be duly verified and if necessary, requisite steps be taken strictly in accordance with law for grant of protection of life and liberty to 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 marriage.”

Learned counsel for the petitioners submits that after the protection granted by this Court on 20.11.2019, till date, the petitioners No.5 & 4 and even petitioners No.1, 2 & 3 who are father, mother and brother of respondent No.4, are not being permitted to even enter their house at Faridkot. The petitioners submit that respondent No.6 who is father of petitioner No.5, is using his influence being Sub Inspector in Police. In this regard, the petitioners have submitted a representation to the Senior Superintendent of Police, Faridkot, Punjab on 22.12.2019 (Annexure P-5). He further goes on to submit that even on the date i.e. 20.11.2019, when the petitioners No.5 & 4 were present before this Court, (when the earlier order dated 20.11.2019 was passed), that time there was entry in the GDR regarding incident of threatening and man handling.

In view of the above, the present petition is disposed of with a direction to respondent No.3-Senior Superintendent of Police, Faridkot, to

look into the matter and take appropriate action in accordance with law to ensure that no harm is caused to the life and liberty of the petitioners at the hands of private respondents.

It is clarified that this order shall not be treated as a stamp of this Court about the marriage of the parties and no opinion with regard to the validity of the marriage has been expressed in this order.

(GIRISH AGNIHOTRI)
JUDGE

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