

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

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**CRWP-1916-2020
Date of decision: 04.03.2020**

Nancy Rani and another

.....Petitioners

Versus

State of Punjab and others

.....Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ARUN KUMAR TYAGI

Present : Mr. Lal Singh Sandhu, Advocate for the petitioners
with petitioners in person.

ARUN KUMAR TYAGI, J (ORAL)

The petitioners, both aged about 26 years as per their Aadhar Cards, have approached this Court seeking protection of their life and liberty on the averments that the petitioners, being major, performed marriage on 18.02.2020 at Shiv Durga Mandir, Village Ferozepur, Sector 19, Panchkula as per Hindu rites and ceremonies against the wishes of respondents No.4 and 5 and the petitioners are apprehending threat to their life and liberty at their instance.

Notice of motion restricted to respondents No.1 to 3 only.

On asking of the Court, Mr. Sandeep Singh Deol, D.A.G. Punjab accepts notice on behalf of respondents No.1 to 3. Copy of paper book has been supplied to learned State counsel.

At this stage, Mr. J.K. Singla, Advocate has put in appearance and filed his power of attorney on behalf of respondent No.4 which is taken on record. Respondent No.4-Prem Kumar and his wife, parents of petitioner No.1 have also appeared in person and have ventilated their grievances regarding unacceptable conduct of petitioner No.1 regarding her relationship with some other boy earlier. However,

they have undertaken that no harm will be caused to the petitioners at their instance and they will not interfere in the married life of the petitioners.

The petitioners, who are present in the Court, have on being questioned by the Court admitted having solemnized marriage and reiterated their prayer for protection as mentioned in the petition.

Learned counsel for the petitioners states that a representation dated 18.02.2020 (Annexure P-5) was made to Senior Superintendent of Police, Mansa seeking necessary protection but no action has been taken so far in the matter and prays for issuance of direction in this regard.

Learned State counsel has no objection if appropriate direction for providing requisite protection to the petitioners is given.

Without examining the question of legality and validity of the marriage and expressing any opinion thereon, the petition is disposed of with the directions to respondent No.2-Senior Superintendent of Police, Mansa to look into the grievances of the petitioners as set out in the petition and also expressed in the representation (Annexure P-5) and take appropriate action for protection of their life and liberty as may be warranted by the circumstances.

However, it is clarified that in case any criminal case has been/is registered against petitioner No.2, then nothing in this order shall be construed as a bar for taking of appropriate action by the police authorities against him in respect thereof in accordance with law.

Registry is directed to send a copy of this order along with

copy of the petition and above-said representation to respondent No.2-
Senior Superintendent of Police, Mansa for requisite compliance.

04.03.2020

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(ARUN KUMAR TYAGI)
JUDGE

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