

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

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CRWP-1977-2020

Date of decision : 20.02.2020

Poonam and another

.....Petitioners

Versus

State of Punjab and others

.....Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ARUN KUMAR TYAGI

Present : Petitioners in person.

ARUN KUMAR TYAGI, J (ORAL)

The petitioners, aged 24 and 26 years respectively as per Matriculation Certificate of petitioner No.1 and Aadhar Card of petitioner No.2, have approached this Court seeking protection of their life and liberty on the averments that the petitioners performed marriage on 19.02.2020 at Prachin Pashupati Nath Shiv Mandir, M.D.C., Sector 6, Panchkula, as per Hindu rites and ceremonies against the wishes of respondents No.4 to 6 and the petitioners are apprehending threat to their life and liberty at their instance.

The members of the Bar have suspended work today after lunch due to unfortunate demise of a Member of Executive Committee of the Punjab and Haryana High Court Bar Association.

In view of the urgency involved in the matter and nature of relief to be granted, issuance of notice to the respondents is considered to be unnecessary and is dispensed with accordingly.

On being questioned by this Court, the petitioners have admitted having solemnized marriage and reiterated their prayer for protection as mentioned in the petition.

The petitioners have submitted that a representation dated

19.02.2020 (Annexure P-5) was made to Senior Superintendent of Police, Mohali seeking necessary protection but no action has been taken so far in the matter and prays for issuance of direction in this regard.

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, Mohali 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 to 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, Mohali for requisite compliance.

20.02.2020

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**(ARUN KUMAR TYAGI)
JUDGE**

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