

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

CRWP-2566-2020

Date of Decision:-6.3.2020

Mehak Budhiraja and another

... Petitioners

Versus

State of Punjab and others

... Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE GURVINDER SINGH GILL

Present:- Mr. Harmanjit Singh Jugait, Advocate
for the petitioners.

GURVINDER SINGH GILL, J. (Oral)

- 1 The petitioners who claim themselves to be major have approached this Court seeking protection of their lives as they apprehend threat to the same, having married against the wishes of their parents and relatives.
2. At this stage, Mr. Karanjeet Singh Brar, Advocate has put in appearance on behalf of respondent No.4 and has filed power of attorney, which is taken on record. Respondent No.4 is also present in person.
3. The learned counsel for respondent No.4 has requested that respondent No.4 may be permitted to meet petitioner No.1-Mehak Budhiraja for a short while.
4. Acceding to the aforesaid request, the aforesaid respondent was permitted to have a word with petitioner No.1-Mehak Budhiraja for a short while, outside the Court room. After he came back, respondent No.4 was advised not to cause any harm to the petitioners and not to take law in his hands.

5. The learned counsel for respondent No.4 has assured that respondent No.4 or any of his relatives will not harm the petitioners in any manner.
6. While refraining from making any expression as regards the veracity of the averments made in the petition, the petition is disposed of with a direction to respondent No.2-Senior Superintendent of Police, Khanna, District Ludhiana to look into the representation dated 5.3.2020 (Annexure P-5) made by the petitioners, in accordance with law, immediately upon receipt of certified copy of this order. In case any apprehension of threat to the life and liberty of the petitioners is found, requisite steps be taken immediately, in accordance with law, to protect life and liberty of the petitioners.
7. A copy of this order alongwith representation dated 5.3.2020 (Annexure P-5) be sent to respondent No.2-Senior Superintendent of Police, Khanna, District Ludhiana, so as to enable him to do the needful expeditiously.
8. It is however, clarified that the aforesaid order shall not be construed to be an expression as regards validity of alleged marriage of the parties.

6.3.2020
Gaurav Sorot

(**Gurvinder Singh Gill**)
Judge

Whether speaking /reasoned

Yes / No

Whether Reportable

Yes / No