

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

Criminal Writ Petition No. 3109 of 2020 (O&M)

Date of decision : May 18, 2020

Pooja Rani and another

.....Petitioners

Versus

State of Punjab and others

....Respondents

CORAM:- HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE LISA GILL

Present: Mr. Gurpal Singh Sandhu, Advocate
for the petitioners.

LISA GILL, J.

This matter is being taken up for hearing through video conferencing due to the outbreak of the pandemic, COVID-19.

Petitioners seek protection of their life and liberty as they apprehend danger at the hands of respondents No.4 to 8 and other relatives because they have married each other on 13.05.2020 against the wishes of the said respondents.

It is contended that the petitioners are major, their dates of birth being 23.07.2001 and 01.01.1991, respectively. True copies of Adhaar Cards of both the petitioners are appended with the petition as Annexures P1 and P2, respectively. A copy of the Marriage Certificate and the photographs of the marriage are on record as Annexures P-3 and P-4, respectively. Petitioners, it is stated, submitted representation dated 13.05.2020 (Annexure P5) to respondent No.2 i.e., the Senior Superintendent of Police, District Fazilka for redressal of their grievance but no action has been taken thereon.

Notice of motion to respondents No.1 to 3 .

Ms. Rashmi Attri, AAG, Punjab, accepts notice on behalf of respondents No.1 to 3. Advance copy of the petition already stands served.

Without commenting upon the age of the petitioners or the validity of their marriage or the validity and genuineness of the certificates/documents appended with the petition, respondent No.2 – Senior Superintendent of Police, District Fazilka is directed to look into representation dated 13.05.2020 submitted by the petitioners and take appropriate action if any/as may be required, keeping in view the threat perception to the petitioners.

Petition is disposed of accordingly.

May 18, 2020
rts

(Lisa Gill)
Judge

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