

HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT CHANDIGARH

CRWP-3581-2020 (O&M)
Date of Decision: 10.06.2020

Pooja Rani & Anr.

... Petitioners

VS.

State of Punjab & Ors.

... Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE GIRISH AGNIHOTRI

Present: Mr. VS Chahal, Advocate for the petitioners
Ms. Rashmi Attri, AAG, Punjab

GIRISH AGNIHOTRI, J. (Oral)

The matter has been taken up through video conferencing on account of lockdown due to outbreak of COVID-19 pandemic.

The petitioners, namely, Pooja Rani and Sumesh Kumar, who claim themselves to be major have filed the present petition *inter alia* praying for protection of their life and liberty since they apprehend threat to the same. The petitioners decided to marry against the wishes of their parents and relatives but the same could not be solemnized as all religious institutions are closed due to COVID-19 pandemic.

Counsel further submits that a representation has been submitted by the petitioners to the Sr. Superintendent of Police, Mansa (P3).

While this Court refrains from making any expression as regard to the veracity of the averments having been made, this Court deems it appropriate to dispose of the present petition with a direction that in case the present petitioners approach the police authorities concerned by way of filing a representation, if already not filed, with regard to their alleged threat perception, the same shall be got examined expeditiously by the Sr. Superintendent of Police, Mansa (respondent No.2), in accordance with law and thereafter let necessary steps, as may be warranted under the facts and circumstances of the cases, be taken thereupon forthwith.

A copy of this order be sent to respondent No.2 so as to enable the said authority to do the needful expeditiously.

Needless to say that the aforesaid order shall not be construed to be an expression as regards the validity of the alleged marriage of the parties.

So ordered.

10.06.2020

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(Girish Agnihotri)
Judge