

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

Crl. Writ Petition No.3715 of 2020

Date of Decision: June 12, 2020.

Pooja and another

..... PETITIONER (s)

Versus

State of Punjab and others

..... RESPONDENT (s)

CORAM:- HON'BLE MRS.JUSTICE LISA GILL

Present: Mr. Sunil Agnihotri, Advocate
for the petitioners.

Ms. Bhavna Gupta, DAG, Punjab.

LISA GILL, J.

This matter is being taken up for hearing through video conferencing due to the outbreak of 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 08.06.2020 against the wishes of the said respondents.

Learned counsel for the petitioners submits that he has identified the petitioners as per the documents attached. It is further submitted that they have solemnized marriage with each other out of their own free will and volition and that this is their first marriage. It is

contended that the petitioners are major, their dates of birth being 17.03.1999 and 23.06.1997, respectively. True copies of Aadhar Card of both the petitioners have been appended with the petition as Annexures P1 (Colly) and P2, respectively. A copy of the Marriage Certificate and the photographs of the marriage are on record as Annexures P3 and P4, respectively. Petitioners, it is stated, have submitted representation dated 08.06.2020 (Annexure P5) to respondent No.2 i.e., the Senior Superintendent of Police, Khanna for redressal of their grievance but no action has been taken thereon.

Notice of motion to respondents no.1 to 3.

On the asking of the Court, Ms. Bhavna Gupta, DAG, Punjab accepts notice on behalf of respondents No.1 to 3. Advance copy of the petition stands served. Learned counsel for the State on instructions of ASI Jagtar Singh, P.S. Machiwara, Police District Khanna submits that the statements, of the parents of petitioner no.1 have been recorded yesterday i.e. on 11.06.2020 to the effect that they have no objection to the marriage solemnized by the petitioners and there is no question of any threat to their life and liberty at their hands. The statement of the brother of petitioner no.2 has also been recorded to this effect.

Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that this petition be disposed of in view of the statement as mentioned above. However, in case any threat is perceived from any of the other respondents, liberty be afforded to the petitioners to approach the official respondents for redressal.

Keeping in view of the facts and circumstances as above, the

present writ petition is disposed of as infructuous. Needless to say, in case, the petitioners perceive any threat due to solemnization of their marriage from the other respondents arrayed in this petition or any other person, they are at liberty to approach the official respondents for redressal and in such an eventuality respondent no.2 i.e. the Sr. Superintendent of Police, Khanna shall look into the matter and take necessary steps if any/as may be required, keeping in view the threat perception to the petitioners.

It is, however, made clear that this order shall have no effect on the validity of the alleged marriage of the petitioners and neither will any other civil or criminal proceedings initiated against the petitioners be barred due to this order.

12.06.2020

Sunil

(LISA GILL)
JUDGE

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