

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

**Crl. Writ Petition No.3714 of 2020
Date of Decision: June 12, 2020.**

Ekta and another

..... PETITIONER (s)

Versus

State of Punjab and others

..... RESPONDENT (s)

CORAM:- HON'BLE MRS.JUSTICE LISA GILL

Present: Mr. J.K. Singla, 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 9 and other relatives because they have married each other on 02.06.2020 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 10.04.1998 and 01.01.1997, respectively. True copies of Aadhar Card of both the petitioners have been appended with the petition as Annexures P2

and P3, respectively. A copy of the Marriage Certificate and the photographs of the marriage are on record as Annexures P5 and P6, respectively. Petitioners, it is stated, have submitted representation dated 09.06.2020 (Annexure P7) to respondent No.2 i.e., the Senior Superintendent of Police, Ferozepur for redressal of their grievance but no action has been taken thereon. It is further submitted that there is no impediment to their marriage and despite submission of a representation dated 09.06.2020 before the Senior Superintendent of Police, Ferozepur, no action was taken.

Notice of motion to Advocate General, Punjab.

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 paper book has been supplied to her. On instructions of ASI Sukhchain Singh, P.S. City Ferozepur, it is submitted that respondent no.4 Suba son of Jannu Ram i.e. father of petitioner no.1 came present at the Police Station City Ferozepur today morning itself and stated that he has no objection to the marriage of the petitioners. Statement of the mother of petitioner no.1 is also stated to have been recorded and there is no threat to the life and liberty of the petitioner at the hands of the said respondents.

Keeping in view of the above, the present writ petition is disposed of with a direction that respondent No.2 i.e., the Senior Superintendent of Police, Ferozepur to look into the matter in so far as apprehension of threat from respondents no.5 to 9 is concerned. Needless to say, in case of any threat perception, necessary steps shall be taken by respondent no.2.

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.

Petition is disposed of accordingly.

12.06.2020

Sunil

(LISA GILL)
JUDGE

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