

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT CHANDIGARH

Crl. Writ Petition No.3912 of 2020

Date of Decision: June 19, 2020.

Anju Rani and another

..... PETITIONER (s)

Versus

State of Punjab and others

..... RESPONDENT (s)

CORAM:- HON'BLE MRS.JUSTICE LISA GILL

Present: Ms. Manpreet Kaur, Advocate
for the petitioners.

Mr. Ramdeep Partap Singh, 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 12 and other relatives because they have married each other on 15.06.2020 against the wishes of the said respondents.

Learned counsel for the petitioners submits that she 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 28.02.2002 and 28.02.1998, respectively. With regard to date of birth, affidavit of petitioner no.1 and true copy of Voter Card of petitioner no.2 have been appended with the petition as Annexures P1 and P2,

respectively. A copy of the Marriage Certificate is on record as Annexures P3. Petitioners, it is stated, have submitted representation dated 15.06.2020 (Annexure P4) to respondent No.2 i.e., the Senior Superintendent of Police, Patiala 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, Mr. Ramdeep Partap Singh, DAG, Punjab, accepts notice on behalf of respondents No.1 to 3. Advance copy of the petition 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 – the Senior Superintendent of Police, Patiala is directed to look into representation dated 15.06.2020 submitted by the petitioners and take appropriate action 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.

Petition is disposed of accordingly.

19.06.2020

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(LISA GILL)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned:
Whether reportable:

Yes/No
Yes/No