

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

CRWP No.4267 of 2020

Date of Decision: 30.06.2020

Ramandeep Kaur and another

....Petitioners

versus

State of Punjab & Ors.

....Respondents

Coram : Hon'ble Mr. Justice B.S. Walia

Present: Mr. S.K. Choudhary, Advocate for the petitioners.

B.S. Walia, J. (VC)

1. Case is being taken up for hearing through Video Conferencing due to the outbreak of pandemic Covid-19.
2. Prayer in the Criminal Writ Petition under Article 226 of the Constitution of India is for the issuance of a writ in the nature of Mandamus for directing respondent Nos.1 to 3 to protect the life and liberty of the petitioners and not to harass or interfere in the peaceful married life of the petitioners at the instance of respondent Nos.4 and 5 and their family members.
3. Learned counsel contends that the petitioners seek protection of their life and liberty on account of having performed marriage on 26.06.2020, against the wishes of respondent Nos.4 and 5. The petitioners have attached photographs of marriage, Annexure P/3. Learned counsel contends that the petitioners have submitted representation, Annexure P/4 dated 26.06.2020 to respondent No.2 i.e. Senior Superintendent of Police, Gurdaspur but that no decision has been taken on the same and that in the circumstances, they would be satisfied if the writ petition is disposed of by directing respondent No. 2 to consider and decide their representation in accordance with law in a time bound manner.

4. Notice of motion to respondent Nos.1 to 3 only at this stage. Mr. H.S. Multani, AAG, Punjab, accepts notice on behalf of respondent Nos.1 to 3 and states that petitioner No.1 is a minor. He, however, states that he has no objection to the Crl. writ petition being disposed of by directing respondent No.2 to consider and decide the representation, Annexure P/4 dated 26.06.2020.

5. Without commenting upon the validity of the marriage or the authenticity of the documents attached with the writ petition, the writ petition is disposed of by directing respondent No.2 i.e. Senior Superintendent of Police, Gurdaspur, to decide the representation, Annexure P/4 dated 26.06.2020, submitted by the petitioners as expeditiously as possible and to take such action in accordance with law as may be warranted keeping in view the threat perception to the petitioners. However, it is made clear that this order shall not bar any civil or criminal proceedings initiated against the petitioners in accordance with law.

6. Petition disposed of in the aforementioned terms.

(B.S. Walia)
Judge

30.06.2020
'Amit-Rajesh'

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