

HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT CHANDIGARH

CRWP-4426-2020 (O&M)

Date of Decision: 03.07.2020

Komal & Anr.

... Petitioners

VS.

State of Punjab & Ors.

... Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE GIRISH AGNIHOTRI

Present: Mr. Ajit Singh, Advocate for the petitioners

Mr. Amit Mehta, Sr.DAG Punjab

GIRISH AGNIHOTRI, J. (Oral)

The petitioners, namely, Komal and Gulal Singh, 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 having married against the wishes of their parents and relatives.

Learned counsel based upon the pleadings submits that the parents of petitioner No.1 had forcibly performed her marriage when she was minor. He submits that thereafter on completion of 18 years of age, she has decided not to continue her first marriage. Counsel further submits that she being major would be taking legal remedy for cancellation of her first marriage and intends to marry petitioner No.2.

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 Senior Superintendent of Police, Patiala (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.

03.07.2020

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(Girish Agnihotri)
Judge