

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT CHANDIGARH

CRWP-4594-2020

Date of Decision:-08.07.2020.

Khushbu Kumari and another

.....Petitioners

Versus

State of Punjab and others

.....Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SANJAY KUMAR

Present: Mr. Nitin Mittoo, Advocate for the petitioners.

Mr. Mehardeep Singh Dullat, Additional A.G., Punjab.

SANJAY KUMAR, J. (Oral)

The petitioners are both majors. They claim to be married. However, the validity and legality of their marital status and relationship is not the subject matter of this writ petition. The petitioners apprehend threat to their lives and liberty from relations who are opposed to their relationship. The petitioners claim to have made a representation to the Senior Superintendent of Police, SAS Nagar, Mohali (respondent No. 2), in this regard.

Trite to state, it is the bounden duty and obligation of the State to protect the lives and liberty of the people.

As this Court does not propose to go into the validity of the marriage, if any, performed by and between the petitioners or the merits of their claims, as put-forth in this petition, it would not be necessary to put the

unofficial respondents on notice or afford them an opportunity of hearing.

The writ petition is accordingly disposed of directing the Senior Superintendent of Police, Senior Superintendent of Police, SAS Nagar, Mohali (respondent No. 2), to take appropriate action, as warranted and in accordance with law, upon the representation dated 29.06.2020 (Annexure P-4), and to extend adequate protection to the lives and liberty of the petitioners, if necessary. It shall be open to the police authorities concerned to verify and confirm the identity of the petitioners and their claims.

It is made clear that this Court has not gone into the validity or legality of the marital status claimed by the petitioners and this order shall not be construed as this Court's approval of the said relationship or certification of its validity.

No order as to costs.

(SANJAY KUMAR)
JUDGE

July 08, 2020.
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Whether speaking/reasoned:-

Yes / No

Whether Reportable:-

Yes / No.