

THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

CRWP-4807 -2020 (O&M)
Decided on :July 15, 2020

(Through Video Conferencing)

Maninder Kaur and another

. . . Petitioners

Versus

State of Punjab and others

. . . Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE MANJARI NEHRU KAUL

PRESENT: Mr. P. S. Bhinder, Advocate,
for the petitioners.

Mr. Gagan Oberoi, Advocate
for respondent No.4.

MANJARI NEHRU KAUL, J. (Oral)

In this writ petition filed under Articles 226/227 of the Constitution of India, the petitioners have prayed for issuance of a writ in the nature of *Mandamus* directing the respondent Nos.2 and 3 to protect the life and liberty of the petitioners from the hands of private respondent Nos. 4 to 6.

Learned counsel for the petitioners submits that the petitioners solemnized their marriage on 9.7.2020 at Shri Aadi Shakti Ved Pathshalla, 215, Mansa Devi Market, Sector 4, Panchkula against the wishes of their parents as a result of which they are being extended continuous threats of dire consequences by the private respondents.

Learned counsel for the private respondent No.4 has put in appearance and submits that an FIR stands registered against petitioner No.2

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under Section 366 IPC at the instance of the private respondent as he had lured petitioner No.1 to elope with him. Learned counsel for the complainant also submits that the private respondents are not in any way threatening or harrassing the petitioners after the solemnization of their marriage. However, their only apprehension is that the petitioner No.1 may have been pressurised by petitioner No.2 to solemnize marriage with him.

After arguing for sometime, learned counsel for the petitioners submits that the petitioners would be satisfied, if the petition is disposed off with a direction to the official respondent No.2 to look into the representation dated 9.7.2020 (Annexure P-5) and take appropriate action.

In view of the limited prayer made by the petitioners, the petition is disposed off with a direction to respondent No.2—Commissioner of Police, Ludhiana to look into the representation dated 9.7.2020 (Annexure P-5) and take necessary steps, if any required, in accordance with law, as expeditiously as possible, preferably within two months, from the date of receipt of the certified copy of this order.

However, this direction will not validate the marriage said to have taken place between the parties and will have no effect on any civil or criminal action, which could be initiated in the matter in accordance with law.

(MANJARI NEHRU KAUL)
JUDGE

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Whether speaking/reasoned: Yes/No
Whether Reportable: Yes/No