

CRWP-6744-2020(O&M)
Decided on :September 3, 2020

Manjali and another

... Petitioner(s)

Versus

State of Punjab and others

... Respondent(s)

CORAM: HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE MANJARI NEHRU KAUL

(Through Video Conferencing)

Present: Mr. Berjeshwar Singh Advocate, for the petitioners.

MANJARI NEHRU KAUL, J. (Oral)

In this writ petition filed under Articles 226 of the Constitution of India, the petitioners have prayed for issuance of a writ in the nature of *Mandamus* to direct respondent Nos.1 to 6 to protect the life and liberty of the petitioners and also to take action against respondent Nos.7 to 12 as they apprehend threat to their life at their hands after their marriage, which is stated to have been solemnized against the wishes of the private respondents. A perusal of the petition, however, reveals that no representation has been made by the petitioners to the official respondents.

In the circumstances, learned counsel for the petitioners submits that he would make a representation to the Senior Superintendent of Police, Kapurthala at the earliest and directions be issued to the official respondents to look into the representation, as and when it is made.

Notice of motion.

On the asking of the Court Ms. Rashmi Attri, AAG, Punjab who has joined the proceedings through video conferencing accepts notice on behalf of the official respondents.

In view of the limited prayer made by the petitioners, the petition is disposed off with a direction to respondent No.4–Senior Superintendent of Police, Kapurthala, to look into the representation as and when it is made by the petitioners *qua* the alleged threat perception to them and thereafter take necessary steps, if any required, in accordance with law, to ensure that the life and liberty of the petitioners is not jeopardized at the hands of the private respondents. 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