

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

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**CRWP No.6872 of 2020
DECIDED ON : 07.09.2020**

Sonia & Anr**...Petitioners**

Versus

State of Punjab & Ors.**...Respondents****CORAM:- HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE GIRISH AGNIHOTRI.****Present:-** Mr. Priyanshu Kamra, Advocate, for the petitioners.**GIRISH AGNIHOTRI, J. (ORAL)**

The matter has been taken up through video-conferencing due to outbreak of pandemic COVID-19.

The petitioners, namely, Sonia and Kapil, stated to be aged 20 and 20 years respectively, have jointly filed the present petition *inter alia* with a prayer for issuance of directions to respondents No. 2 and 3 to protect life and liberty of the petitioners from the hands of respondents No.4 and 5 and not to interfere in their peaceful married life.

Learned counsel for the petitioners based on pleadings submits that petitioner No.2 is 20 years of age and is thus major. He, however, submits that petitioner No.1 is more than 20 years of age. Learned counsel further submits that petitioner No.2 is major but is less than 21 years (as required under the Hindu Law for Marriage). Learned counsel then *inter alia* relies on judgment dated 21.06.2019 passed in CWP No.17044 of 2019 titled as '*Harpreet Kour and another Vs. State of Punjab and others*'.

Learned counsel for the petitioners submits that in this regard, a detailed representation dated 02.09.2020 (Annexure P-3) was submitted to

respondent No.2-Sr. Superintendent of Police, Ferozepur.

Notice of motion to official respondents only, at this stage.

Mr. Sukhbeer Singh, Asstt. A.G., Punjab, who has joined proceedings on service of advance copy of the petition, appears and accepts notice on behalf of the State.

While refraining from making any expression as regards the veracity of the averments made in the petition, the petition is disposed of with a direction that in case the petitioners approach the police authorities concerned with above representation dated 02.09.2020 (Annexure P-3) with regard to their alleged threat perception, the same shall be got examined by the Sr. Superintendent of Police, Ferozepur.-respondent No.2, expeditiously in accordance with law and necessary steps as may be warranted under the facts and circumstances of the case be taken thereupon forthwith.

A copy of this order be sent to the Sr. Superintendent of Police, Ferozepur.-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.

(GIRISH AGNIHOTRI)
JUDGE

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Whether speaking/reasoned : YES/NO
Whether reportable : YES/NO