

111 IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

CRWP No.7311 of 2020
Date of Decision:17.09.2020

SONAM AND ANOTHER

...Petitioners

Versus

STATE OF PUNJAB AND OTHERS

..Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARNARESH SINGH GILL

Present: Mr. Gautam Thapar, Advocate
for the petitioners.

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

HARNARESH SINGH GILL, J. (ORAL)

Case is taken up for hearing through video conferencing.

This petition has been filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India for issuance of a writ in the nature of mandamus directing the respondents No.1 to 3 to protect the life and liberty of the petitioners at the hands of respondents No. 4 to 6.

Learned counsel for the petitioners states that both the petitioners are major and have married against the wishes of respondents No.4 to 6 and have sought protection to their life and liberty. They apprehend danger at the hands of respondents No.4 to 6. The marriage photographs and certificate evidencing their marriage are on record as Annexures P-3 and P-4, respectively. The petitioners have submitted a representation dated 07.09.2020, Annexure P-5 to respondent No. 2.

Notice of motion to respondents No. 1 to 3 only.

On the asking of this Court, Mr. Mehardeep Singh Dullat, Addl. A.G., Punjab accepts notice on behalf of respondents No. 1 to 3-State.

Without entering upon an exercise to evaluate the evidentiary value of the documents placed on the file, I dispose of the petition with directions to respondent No.2 to decide the representation of the petitioners, dated 7.9.2020 Annexure P-5 and grant them protection, if any threat to their life and liberty is perceived. It is made clear that this order shall not be taken to protect the petitioners from legal action for violation of law, if any, committed by them.

(HARNARESH SINGH GILL)

JUDGE

September 17, 2020

Jyoti-11 Whether speaking/reasoned Yes/No Whether Reportable Yes/No