

CRWP No. 8014 of 2020

Date of Decision: 06.10.2020

Harjot Kaur and another

...Petitioners

Versus

State of Punjab and others

...Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE ARCHANA PURI

Present: Mr. Naveen Batra, Advocate
for the petitioners.

ARCHANA PURI, J.(ORAL)

The matter has been taken up through video conferencing in the light of COVID-19 pandemic.

The present petition has been filed by the petitioners Harjot Kaur and Jasvir Singh to seek protection on account of marriage having solemnized by them on 21.09.2020.

In this petition, it is averred that both the petitioners are major and to substantiate the factum of age, copies of Aadhar Card of petitioner No. 1 and Matriculation Certificates of both the petitioners have been annexed with the petition as Annexures P-1, P-2 and P-3 respectively. Further to substantiate the factum of marriage, copy of marriage certificate as well as photographs have been annexed with the petition as Annexures P-5 and P-4 respectively. Both the petitioners are stated to be residing within the jurisdiction of this Court. The marriage is stated to have been performed against the wishes of private respondents No. 4 to 6, who are brother, mother and maternal uncle of petitioner No. 1. Further to

substantiate their claim, affidavit of petitioner No. 1 has been annexed with the petition. Now, the private respondents No. 4 to 6 have extended threat to the life and personal liberty of both the petitioners, relating to which petitioner No. 1 has also filed representation dated 22.09.2020 (Annexure P-6) before Senior Superintendent of Police, Hoshiarpur.

Notice of motion.

Ms. Bhavna Gupta, Assistant Advocate General, Punjab accepts notice on behalf of the official respondents.

In view of the assertions, the present petition is disposed of with a direction to respondent No. 2 to look into the matter and also to consider the representation dated 22.09.2020, copy whereof has been placed on record as Annexure P-6 and if he finds that there is genuine apprehension of danger to the lives and personal liberty of the petitioners by private respondents No. 4 to 6, then he is directed to take appropriate steps to ensure their protection in the fitness of the circumstances.

However, these observations of mine are circumscribed only for the purpose of disposal of the present criminal writ petition without prejudice to the rights of the parties to be adjudicated in any civil or criminal proceedings qua their age, factum of marriage and validity thereof.

Accordingly, the petition stands disposed of.

(ARCHANA PURI)
JUDGE

October 6, 2020
Maninder

Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes/No
Whether reportable : Yes/No