

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

CRWP No.8001 of 2020

Date of Decision: October 06, 2020

Akanksha Verma and another

...Petitioners

VERSUS

State of Punjab and others

...Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE ARCHANA PURI

Present: Mr.Sarvesh Kumar Gupta, 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 Akanksha Verma and Anup Kumar Chopra to seek protection on account of marriage having solemnized by them on 30.09.2020.

In this petition, it is averred that both the petitioners are major and to so substantiate the factum of age, copies of Aadhar Card of both the petitioners have been annexed with the petition as Annexures P-1 and P2 respectively. Even to so substantiate the factum of marriage, copy of marriage certificate as well as photographs have been annexed with the petition, which are Annexures P-3 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

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no. 4 to 11, who are parents and members of the extended family of petitioner no.1. Now, they have extended threat to their lives, relating to which petitioner no.1 has also filed representation dated 30.09.2020 (Annexure P-5) before Sr. Superintendent of Police, SAS Nagar (Mohali).

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 Nos.2 and 3 to look into the matter and also to consider the representation dated 30.09.2020, copy whereof has been placed on record as Annexure P-5, and if they find that there is genuine apprehension of danger to the lives and personal liberty of the petitioners by private respondents no.4 to 11, who are stated to be the parents and members of the extended family of petitioner no.1, then they are 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 purposes 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.

06.10.2020

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JUDGE

Whether speaking / reasoned? Yes

Whether reportable? Yes / No