

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

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**CRWP-9870-2020 (O&M)
Date of decision : 17.12.2020**

Inderjeet Kaur and another

.....Petitioners

Versus

State of Punjab and others

.....Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ARUN KUMAR TYAGI

Present : Mr. Sumeet Pal Singh Khaira, Advocate
for the petitioners with petitioners in person.

Mr. Sandeep Kumar, DAG, Punjab
for respondents No.1 to 3.

ARUN KUMAR TYAGI, J (ORAL)

The case has been taken up for hearing through video conferencing.

CRM-W-1243-2020

For the reasons mentioned in the application, the same is allowed and affidavit of petitioner No.2-Sukhwinder Singh is taken on record.

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The petitioners, claiming themselves to be aged about 25 and 30 years, have approached this Court seeking protection of their life and liberty on the averments that the petitioners performed marriage on 24.11.2020 at Gurudawara Shri Guru Nanak Ishar Puri Sahib Ji, Jail Road, Near Morinda Adda, Bassi Pathana, District Fatehgarh Sahib as per Sikh rites and ceremonies against the wishes of respondents No.4 to 6 and the petitioners are apprehending threat to their life and liberty at their instance.

While issuing notice of motion vide order dated 27.11.2020 passed by this Court respondent No.2-Superintendent of Police, Fatehgarh Shiab was directed to look into the grievances of the petitioners as set out in the petition and also expressed in the representation dated 25.11.2020 and take appropriate action for

protection of their life and liberty as may be warranted by the circumstances and the petitioners were also directed to remain present before this Court on the date fixed through video conferencing.

In compliance with order dated 27.11.2020, the petitioners are present through video conferencing and duly identified by their counsel. On being questioned by the Court the petitioners admitted having solemnized marriage and reiterated their prayer for protection as mentioned in the petition.

Learned Counsel for the petitioner has submitted that the petition may be disposed of with the directions to respondent No.2 to protect the life and liberty of the petitioners.

Learned State counsel has no objection if appropriate direction for providing requisite protection to the petitioners is given.

Without examining the question of legality and validity of the marriage and expressing any opinion thereon, the petition is disposed of and respondent No.2- Superintendent of Police, Fatehgarh Shiab to look into the grievances of the petitioners as set out in the petition and also expressed in the representation and take appropriate action for protection of their life and liberty as may be warranted by the circumstances.

However, it is clarified that in case any criminal case has been/is registered against petitioner No.2, then nothing in this order shall be construed as a bar for taking of appropriate action by the police authorities against him in respect thereof in accordance with law.

Registry is directed to send a copy of this order along with copy of the petition and above-said representation to respondent No.2- Superintendent of Police, Fatehgarh Shiab for requisite compliance.

17.12.2020

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**(ARUN KUMAR TYAGI)
JUDGE**

Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes/No
Whether reportable : Yes/No 250