

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

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CRWP-1092-2021

Date of decision: 04.02.2021

Ruth Masih and another

.....Petitioners

Versus

State of Punjab and others

.....Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ARUN KUMAR TYAGI

Present : Petitioners in person.

ARUN KUMAR TYAGI, J (ORAL)

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

The petitioners, claiming themselves to be aged about 33 and 38 years respectively, have approached this Court seeking protection of their life and liberty on the averments that the petitioners, being major, performed marriage on 28.01.2021 at Sadhu Sundar Singh Church, U.C.N.I., Morinda as per Christianity rites and ceremonies against the wishes of respondents No.4 to 7 and the petitioners are apprehending threat to their life and liberty at their instance.

In support of the averments made in the petition, the petitioners have also enclosed photographs taken at the time of their marriage.

In view of nature of relief sought, issuance of notice to the respondents is considered to be unnecessary.

The petitioners, who are present through WhatsApp video call, have on being questioned by the Court admitted having solemnized marriage and reiterated their prayer for protection as mentioned in the petition.

The petitioners have submitted that they have moved

representation to the Senior Superintendent of Police, Gurdaspur whereas they are residing at Sangrur and prayed for issuance of necessary directions to the Senior Superintendent of Police, Sangrur.

In view of the facts and circumstances of the case and request of the petitioners, the Senior Superintendent of Police, Sangrur is impleaded as respondent No.8. Memo of parties be amended accordingly.

Without examining the question of legality and validity of the marriage and expressing any opinion thereon, the petition is disposed of with the directions to respondent No.2-Senior Superintendent of Police, Gurdaspur and respondent No.8-Senior Superintendent of Police Sangrur to look into the grievances of the petitioners as set out in the petition and also expressed in the representation dated 29.01.2021 (Annexure P-6) 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-Senior Superintendent of Police, Gurdaspur and respondent No.8-Senior Superintendent of Police Sangrur for requisite compliance.

04.02.2021

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(ARUN KUMAR TYAGI)
JUDGE

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