

211 IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

CRWP No. 1271 of 2021
DECIDED ON: 18th FEBRUARY, 2021

SHIVANI @ SOFIA RANGREJ AND ANOTHER

.....PETITIONERS

VERSUS

UT, CHANDIGARH AND OTHERS

.....RESPONDENTS

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE AVNEESH JHINGAN.

Present: Mr. Rakesh Choudhary, Advocate for the petitioners.

Mr. Shashank Bhandari, APP, UT Chandigarh.

AVNEESH JHINGAN, J (ORAL)

The matter is taken up for hearing through video conference due to COVID-19 situation.

This petition was filed seeking issuance directions to the official respondents arrayed in the petition for protection of life and liberty of the petitioners.

As per the pleadings petitioners had performed their marriage against the wishes of their parents and petitioner No.1 had converted her religion.

On 10th February, 2021, the following order was passed:-

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

Mr. Shashank Bhandari, APP, UT, Chandigarh appearing on advance notice accepts the same and seeks time to have instructions. He submits that the representation made by the petitioners could not be acted upon as neither the petitioners made themselves available before the police officials nor they were available at the given address.

Adjourned to 18.2.2021.

In the meantime, the police official not below the rank of Deputy Superintendent of Police should record the statements of the petitioners.

In case a request is made by the petitioners, they may be provided shelter in safe house till the next date.”

Mr. Shashank Bhandari, APP, appearing for UT Chandigarh on instructions from Gurmukh Singh, Deputy Superintendent of Police (East), submits that statements of the petitioners as well as private respondents were recorded in compliance of order of this Court. It was stated by the parties that there is no threat perception to the petitioners and they are happily residing with the family of petitioner No.2.

Learned counsel for the petitioners submits that no cause of action survives for pursuing with the present petition.

Disposed of as infructuous.

(AVNEESH JHINGAN)
JUDGE

18th FEBRUARY, 2021

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Whether speaking/reasoned *Yes/No*

Whether reportable *Yes/No*