

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

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**CRWP-1500-2021
Date of decision : 12.02.2021**

Manpreet Kaur and another

.....Petitioners

Versus

State of Punjab and others

.....Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ARUN KUMAR TYAGI

Present : Mr. Gurpal Singh Sandhu, Advocate for the petitioners.

ARUN KUMAR TYAGI, J (ORAL)

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

The petitioners, claiming themselves to be aged about 18 and 21 years respectively, have approached this Court seeking protection of their life and liberty on the averments that the petitioners, being major, performed marriage on 06.02.2021 at Gurudwara Baba Deep Singh Ji Saheed, Near Yumna Toll Plazza, Shanjahanpur (Sarsawan), District Saharanpur, as per Sikh rites and ceremonies against the wishes of respondents No.4 to 9 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.

Notice of motion restricted to respondents No.1 to 3 only.

Pursuant to supply of advance copy, Mr. P.S. Walia, Asstt. AG, Punjab has appeared and accepted notice on behalf of respondents No.1 to 3.

Learned counsel for the petitioners states that representation dated 06.02.2021 (Annexure P-5) was made to the Senior Superintendent of Police, Tarn Taran seeking necessary protection but no action has been taken so far in the matter and prays for issuance of direction in this regard.

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 with the directions to respondent No.2-Senior Superintendent of Police, Tarn Taran to look into the grievances of the petitioners as set out in the petition and also expressed in the representation (Annexure P-5) and take appropriate action for protection of their life and liberty as may be warranted by the circumstances.

However, it is clarified that nothing in this order shall be construed as a bar for taking of appropriate action by the police authorities in respect of case FIR No.53 dated 20.03.2019 registered under Sections 363, 366-A, 376 of the Indian Penal Code, 1860 and Sections 4 and 5 of the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act, 2012 in Police Station City Patti, District Tarn Taran or any other criminal case registered/to be registered against petitioner No.2 in accordance with law.

The Registry of this Court 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, Tarn Taran for requisite compliance.

12.02.2021

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**(ARUN KUMAR TYAGI)
JUDGE**

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