IN THE HIGH COURT FOR THE STATES OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT CHANDIGARH

CRWP No. 1638 of 2021
Date of decision: 18.02.2021

Rekha Bhatia and another **...Petitioners**

Versus

State of Punjab and others **...Respondents**

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ARVIND SINGH SANGWAN

Present:- Mr. Kulbir Singh Saini, Advocate
for the petitioners.

ARVIND SINGH SANGWAN, J. *(Oral)*

Prayer in this petition, filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India, is for issuance of directions to officials respondents to protect the life and liberty of the petitioners as petitioner No.1 has performed marriage with petitioner No.2 against the wishes of her parents and other family members and the petitioners are apprehending threat to their life and liberty at their instance.

Notice of motion.

On asking of the Court, Mr. Joginder Pal Ratra, DAG, Punjab, accepts notice on behalf of the respondents-State. Let a complete set of the paperbook be supplied to him during the course of the day.

Learned counsel for the petitioners has submitted that a representation dated 14.02.2021 (Annexure P-5) was made to the Senior Superintendent of Police, S. B. S. Nagar seeking necessary protection but no action has been taken so far in the matter.

Heard.

Without examining the question of validity or otherwise of

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marriage of the petitioners, the present petition stands disposed of with a direction to the Senior Superintendent of Police, S. B. S. Nagar to look into the grievance of the petitioners expressed in the representation (Annexure P-5) and take appropriate action, if any, warranted in the circumstances.

The Senior Superintendent of Police, S. B. S. Nagar is further directed to arrange a meeting of petitioner No. 1 with her mother/father in case any such application is moved.

It is made clear that in case any FIR is registered against petitioner No.2, it will be open for the police authorities to take action, in accordance with law.

18.02.2021 **(ARVIND SINGH SANGWAN)**
Waseem Ansari **JUDGE**

Whether speaking/reasoned *Yes/No*

Whether reportable *Yes/No*

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