

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

CRWP-1868-2021

Date of Decision: 24.02.2021

Sunita Rani & another

...Petitioners

Versus

State of Punjab & others

...Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE GURVINDER SINGH GILL

Present: Mr. K.B.Raheja, Advocate, for the petitioners.

(proceedings conducted through video conferencing)

GURVINDER SINGH GILL, J. (Oral)

The petitioners have approached this Court seeking issuance of a direction to official respondents to protect their lives and liberty as they apprehend threat to the same at the hands of private respondents having married against the wishes of their families.

Without commenting as regards the veracity of the averments made in the petition, the petition is disposed of with a direction to respondent No.2 i.e. Senior Superintendent of Police, Fazilka to look into the matter and to dispose of the representation dated 16.02.2021 (Annexure P-5) in accordance with law. In case, it is found that there is a genuine threat to the lives and liberty of the petitioners, then necessary steps warranted under law be taken thereupon at the earliest so as to ensure that no harm is caused to the petitioners.

At this stage, Mr. Judgepreet Singh Warring, Advocate, has joined the video conferencing and has stated that in fact petitioner No.2 has disclosed his incorrect age. He has, however, made a limited prayer

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to the effect that mother of petitioner No.1 i.e. respondent No.4 herein may be permitted to meet petitioner No.1 before the Mediation Centre, Fazilka.

Keeping in view the aforesaid limited request, respondent No.2 – Senior Superintendent of Police, Fazilka is directed to ensure a meeting of petitioner No.1 and respondent No.4 before the Secretary, DLSA, Fazilka within a period of 15 days from today.

A copy of this order alongwith copy of the representation dated 16.02.2021 be sent to the Senior Superintendent of Police, Fazilka (respondent No.2), so as to enable him to do the needful expeditiously.

It is, however, clarified that the aforesaid order shall not be taken to be any expression as regards the validity of marriage of the petitioners and shall not confer any immunity upon the petitioners, in case it is found that they have committed any wrong.

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**(GURVINDER SINGH GILL)
JUDGE**

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