

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

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CRWP-1939-2021

Date of decision: 25.02.2021

Ritika and another

.....Petitioners

Versus

State of Haryana and others

.....Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ARUN KUMAR TYAGI

Present : Dr. Vikas Rohal, Advocate for the petitioners.

ARUN KUMAR TYAGI, J (ORAL)

The petitioners, claiming themselves to be aged about 19 and 23 years respectively, have approached this Court seeking protection of their life and liberty on the averments that the petitioners, being major, performed marriage on 22.02.2021 at Tridev Sanatan Dharam Prachar Samiti (Regd.), Booth No.249, MDC, Sector-4, Panchkula, as per Hindu rites and ceremonies against the wishes of respondents No.4 to 11 and the petitioners are apprehending threat to their life and liberty at their instance.

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

Pursuant to supply of advance copy, Mr. Ranvir Singh Arya, Addl. A.G., Haryana has appeared and accepted notice on behalf of respondents No.1 to 3.

Mr. Munish Gupta, Advocate has appeared on behalf of respondents No.4 to 6 and filed his power of attorney in the Court today which is taken on record.

Learned counsel for the petitioners states that representation dated 22.02.2021 (Annexure P-4) was made to the Superintendent of Police, Yamuna Nagar seeking necessary protection but no action has been taken so far in the matter and prays for issuance of direction in this regard.

Learned Counsel for respondents No.4 to 6 has submitted that there will be no interference in the marriage life of the petitioners and no danger to their life and liberty from their side.

Learned Counsel for respondents No.4 to 6 has also requested that respondents No.4 and 5 be allowed to talk with petitioner No.1 and the matter may be referred to mediation as they are ready to compromise the matter.

Learned Counsel for the petitioner has submitted that petitioner No.1 does not want to have any meeting or telephonic conversation with respondents No.4 and 5 and reiterated his prayer for issuance of appropriate directions to respondents No.1 to 3 for taking requisite steps for protection of life and liberty of the petitioner.

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-Superintendent of Police, Yamuna Nagar to look into the grievances of the petitioners as set out in the petition and also expressed in the representation (Annexure P-4) 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-Superintendent of Police, Yamuna Nagar for requisite compliance.

25.02.2021

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**(ARUN KUMAR TYAGI)
JUDGE**

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