

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

CRWP-2263-2021

DECIDED ON: 19th MARCH, 2021

INDERJEET KAUR AND ANOTHER

.....PETITIONERS

VERSUS

STATE OF PUNJAB AND OTHERS

.....RESPONDENTS

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE AVNEESH JHINGAN.

Present: Mr. Vikram Jeet Singh, Advocate for petitioners.

Mr. Harsimar Singh Sitta, AAG, Punjab.

AVNEESH JHINGAN, J (ORAL)

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

As per the pleadings the petitioners had performed marriage against the wishes of their parents and there was a threat perception.

On 5th March, 2021, the following order was passed:-

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

Notice of motion to respondents No.1 to 3 only at this stage.

Mr. Harsimar Singh Sitta, AAG, Punjab appearing on advance notice accepts the same and seeks time to have instructions.

Put up on 19..3.2021.

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.”

Learned State counsel has filed the status report by way of an affidavit of Bharpur Singh, PPS Deputy Superintendent of Police, Circle Patran, District Patiala and same is taken on record.

Relevant portion of status report is quoted below:

"6. That deponent also recorded the statement of petitioner No.1 who stated that her date of birth is 15.10.1988 and she was in love with Tarsem Singh/petitioner no.2 for the last 10-15 years, hence she left her house on 03.03.2021 and got married with Tarsem Singh on the same day with her sweet will and then she and her husband filed present writ petition CRWP No.2263 of 2021 against the private respondents but at present we have no danger to our life and liberty from the private respondents, so they do not want to proceed against them. The statement was signed by petitioner No.1 and also verified by Tarsem Singh/petitioner no.2. It is also pertinent to mention here that Inderjeet Kaur/petitioner No.1 also produced her duly sworn attested affidavit by Notary Public to this effect before the deponent.

7. That the deponent examined the matter in depth, openly and secretly and reached on conclusion that at present there is no danger to the life and liberty of petitioner No.1 and 2. Hence, sent his report that no further action is required in the matter. However, the petitioners were provided with the help lines numbers as well as the mobile number of Station House Officer Police Station Ghagga, etc. so that in case they feel any danger to their life and liberty, they can contact at the provided phone numbers and the necessary protection can be provided to them."

In view of the status report filed, no further directions are called for.

Disposed of as infructuous.

19th MARCH, 2021

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(AVNEESH JHINGAN)
JUDGE

<i>Whether speaking/reasoned</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>Whether reportable</i>	<i>No</i>