

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

CRWP-2430-2021

DECIDED ON: 23rd MARCH, 2021

HARWINDER SINGH AND ANOTHER

.....PETITIONERS

VERSUS

STATE OF PUNJAB AND OTHERS

.....RESPONDENTS

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE AVNEESH JHINGAN.

Present: Mr. K.L. Saini, Advocate for the petitioners.

Mr. Harsimar Singh Sitta, AAG, Punjab.

AVNEESH JHINGAN, J (ORAL)

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

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 10th 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.

Ms. Bhavna Gupta, DAG, Punjab, appearing on advance notice accepts the same and seeks time to have instructions.

Adjourned to 23.03.2021.

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 Balkar Singh, PPS, Deputy Superintendent of Police, Sub Division Kotkapura, Faridkot through electronic medium, print out of the same is taken on record.

Para 2 of the reply is reproduced as under:-

“2. That in compliance of specific directions issued by this Hon'ble Court, answering deponent has look into the matter and personally enquired from the petitioners about their allegations against the private respondents. Statements of both the petitioners as well as private respondent Ram Batheri have been recorded by answering deponent personally. Perusal of statements of parties concerned, it has become transpired that the petitioner Shaweta has got performed her marriage with co-petitioner Harwinder Singh without the consent of private respondents and moved the present petition, however the petitioners do not have any threat from the private respondents so far nor the private respondents have any objection with the marriage of petitioners. Private respondent Ram Batheri in his statement has expressed no objection to the marriage of petitioners and petitioners are living as happily married couple so private respondents are agreed to their marriage. At present petitioners do not want any police protection or shelter in any safe house. Statements of concerned parties are annexed hereto and marked Annexures:R-1/T to R-4/T. It is however revealed that the respondent No.4 Pawan Kumar has expired a long time ago and has been wrongly impleaded as a party to the present petition. Petition is liable to be dismissed on this score

alone.”

In view of the status report filed, no cause of action survives
for pursuing the present petition.

Disposed of as infructuous.

23rd MARCH, 2021
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(AVNEESH JHINGAN)
JUDGE

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