

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

CRWP-2441-2021

DECIDED ON: 25th MARCH, 2021

KANCHAN RANI AND ANOTHER

.....PETITIONERS

VERSUS

STATE OF PUNJAB AND OTHERS

.....RESPONDENTS

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE AVNEESH JHINGAN.

Present: Mr. Nirbhay Singh Gill, Advocate for the petitioners.

Ms. Bhavna Gupta, DAG, 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 25.03.2021.

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, on instructions from ASI Jagtar Singh submits that petitioners are not available at the given address and they never came forward for getting their statements recorded. No request was received for providing them shelter in safe house. She further submits that private respondents appeared in the police station and stated that they had no objection to the marriage solemnized by the petitioners.

In view of above, learned counsel for the petitioners submits that no cause of action survives for pursuing the present petition. However, in case the petitioners approach the police authorities with any threat perception, there is no doubt the same would be considered expeditiously in accordance with law.

Disposed of as infructuous.

(AVNEESH JHINGAN)
JUDGE

25th MARCH, 2021

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