

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

CRWP-2759-2021 (O&M)

Date of Decision: 19.03.2021

Reetu Gulalia & another

...Petitioners

Versus

State of Punjab & others

...Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE GURVINDER SINGH GILL

Present: Mr. J.S.Mahal, Advocate, for
Mr. M.S.Bajwa, Advocate, for the petitioners.

(proceedings conducted through video conferencing)

GURVINDER SINGH GILL, J. (Oral)

Learned counsel for the petitioners submits that while petitioner No.1 is professing Hindu religion, petitioner No.2, who was earlier professing Muslim religion, has converted to Hinduism and that both the petitioners have solemnized marriage much against their families and that they apprehend serious threat to their lives and liberty at the hands of the private respondents.

Having heard learned counsel for the petitioners and without commenting as regards the veracity of the averments made in the petition and also as regards the validity of alleged marriage of the petitioners, the petition is disposed of with a direction to respondent No.2 i.e. the Commissioner of Police, Amritsar to look into the matter and to dispose of the representation dated 04.03.2021 (Annexure P-7) 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.

A copy of this order alongwith copy of the representation dated 04.03.2021 be sent to the Commissioner of Police, Amritsar (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.

19.03.2021

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(GURVINDER SINGH GILL)
JUDGE

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