

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

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CRWP-2704-2021

Date of decision: 18.03.2021

Khusboo and another	Versus	Petitioners
State of Haryana and others		Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ARUN KUMAR TYAGI

Present : Mr. Ajay Arora, 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 12.03.2021 at Sirsa, as per Hindu rites and ceremonies against the wishes of respondent No.4 and the petitioners are apprehending threat to their life and liberty at his instance.

In support of the averments made in the petition, learned Counsel for the petitioner has filed copy of photograph taken at the time of marriage of the petitioners, which is taken on record.

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.

At this stage, Mr. Naveen Sharma, Advocate has appeared and filed power of attorney of Mr.Arjunveer Sharma, Advocate on behalf of respondent No.4 which is taken on record.

The petitioners, who are present before this Court through WhatsApp video Call, have on being questioned by the Court admitted

having solemnized marriage and reiterated their prayer for protection as mentioned in the petition.

Learned Counsel for the petitioners states that a representation dated 12.03.2021 (Annexure P-3) was made to the Superintendent of Police, Sirsa seeking necessary protection but no action has been taken so far in the matter and prays for issuance of direction in this regard.

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, Sirsa to look into the grievances of the petitioners as set out in the petition and also expressed in the representation (Annexure P-3) 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, Sirsa for requisite compliance.

18.03.2021

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(ARUN KUMAR TYAGI)
JUDGE

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