

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

CRWP-2662-2021

DECIDED ON: 5th APRIL, 2021

APINDERDEEP KAUR AND ANOTHER

.....PETITIONERS

VERSUS

STATE OF PUNJAB AND OTHERS

.....RESPONDENTS

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE AVNEESH JHINGAN.

Present: Mr. S.K. Gupta, Advocate for the petitioners.

Mr. Sidakmeet Sandhu, 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, hence, there is a threat perception.

On 17th 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.

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

Put up on 5.4.2021.

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 reply, by way of an affidavit of Surinderpal, PPS, Deputy Superintendent of Police, Baba Bakla Sahib, Amritsar (Rural), same is taken on record.

Para 5 of the reply is reproduced as under:-

“5. That it is humbly submitted that the petitioners have recorded their statements that they are major and they with their own wish have solemnized marriage with each other against wish and consent of parents (Respondents No.4 & 5) of the petitioner No.1. Hence parents of petitioner No.1 did not agree with their marriage. Therefore, they have filed the present petition before this Hon'ble Court for their protection, but now they are in talk with the parents of petitioner No.1 with regard to marriage of the petitioners. Therefore, the petitioners have stated that they do not need any security and if they feel any requirement then they would give inform by giving application.”

Learned State counsel, on instructions from ASI Shamsher Singh submits that the matter is being negotiated between the petitioners and private respondents and at present there is no threat perception.

In view of reply filed, learned counsel for the petitioners submits that no cause of action survives for pursuing the present petition.

Disposed of as infructuous.

(AVNEESH JHINGAN)
JUDGE

5th APRIL, 2021
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<i>Whether speaking/reasoned</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>Whether reportable</i>	<i>No</i>