

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

CRWP-2746-2021 (O&M)

Date of decision: 19.03.2021

Prince Sekhri and another

...Petitioners

Versus

Union Territory Chandigarh and others

...Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARNARESH SINGH GILL

Present:- Mr. Kuldeep Singh Siwach, Advocate for the petitioners.

HARNARESH SINGH GILL, J. (ORAL)

Case is taken up for hearing through video conferencing.

This petition has been filed under Article 226/227 of the Constitution of India for issuance of a writ in the nature of mandamus directing respondent No. 2 to protect the life and liberty of the petitioners at the hands of the private respondents.

Learned counsel for the petitioners states that both the petitioners are major and have married against the wishes of the private respondents and have sought protection to their life and liberty. They apprehend danger at the hands of the private respondents. The certificate and photographs evidencing their marriage are on record as Annexures P-3 and P-4, respectively. The petitioners have submitted a representation dated 11.03.2021 (Annexure P-5) to respondent No. 2-Senior Superintendent of Police, Chandigarh.

Notice of motion to respondents No. 1 to 3 only.

On the asking of this Court, Mr. Anupam Bansal, Addl. PP UT Chandigarh, accepts notice on behalf of respondents No. 1 to 3 only. Report dated 18.03.2021 of Inspector Anil Kumar along with the statement of Abha Puri, owner of the H. No. 3201/37-D Chandigarh, submitted by the learned Addl. PP UT Chandigarh, is taken on record. As per the report, Inspector Anil Kumar, visited the said house and the owner stated that petitioner No. 2-Aditi Sharma is residing as a tenant in her aforesaid house for the last 2 years. Learned Addl. PP also submitted a copy of the statement of petitioner No. 2, wherein she stated that at present she has no threat from her parents.

Without entering upon an exercise to evaluate the evidentiary value of the documents placed on the file, I dispose of the petition with a direction to respondent No. 2-Senior Superintendent of Police, Chandigarh, to decide the representation dated 11.03.2021 (Annexure P-5) of the petitioners and grant protection to them, if any threat to their life and liberty is perceived.

It is made clear that this order shall not be taken to protect the petitioners from legal action for violation of law, if any, committed by them.

(HARNARESH SINGH GILL)
JUDGE

19.03.2021

Mangal Singh

Whether reasoned/speaking?
Whether reportable?

Yes/No
Yes/No