

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

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**CRWP-3446-2021(O&M)
Decided on : 09.04.2021**

SUKHWINDER KAUR AND ANR

. . . Petitioner(s)

Versus

STATE OF PUNJAB AND OTHERS

. . . Respondent(s)

CORAM: HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE MANJARI NEHRU KAUL

Present: Mr. A.K. Khunger, Advocate
for the petitioners.

MANJARI NEHRU KAUL, J. (Oral)

Prayer in the instant petition filed under Article 226/227 of the Constitution of India, is for issuance of directions to respondents No.1 to 3 to provide protection of life and liberty to the petitioners, who have married against the wishes of private respondents.

Learned counsel for the petitioners submits that petitioner No.1 -Sukhwinder Kaur aged about 25 years and petitioner No.2-Vinod Kumar aged about 26 years have got married on 06.04.2021, against the wishes of their family members, arrayed as respondent Nos.4 and 5. It has been further submitted that the private respondents are threatening to interfere in the marital life of the petitioners. Hence, they are seeking protection in that regard and have approached this Court by way of filing the instant petition.

Learned counsel for the petitioners has submitted that they have sent a representation dated 07.04.2021 (Annexure P-6) in this regard to respondent No.2- Senior Superintendent of Police, Fazilka, but no action has been taken by the official respondents.

On a pointed query put to the learned counsel for the petitioners as to the mode through which the said representation was sent to the concerned authorities, he has apprised this Court that it was sent through registered post, in support of his submissions, learned counsel has placed on record receipt of the registered post through which the representation was made to the authorities concerned. The same is taken on record, subject to all just exceptions, Registry is directed to tag the same at the appropriate place.

Notice of motion.

On the asking of the Court Mr. Luvinder Sofat, AAG Punjab, accepts notice on behalf of the official respondents.

In view of the above, the petition is disposed of with a direction to respondent No.2– Senior Superintendent of Police, Fazilka, to look into the representation dated 07.04.2021 (Annexure P-6) at the earliest and take necessary steps, if any required, in accordance with law, to ensure that the life and liberty of the petitioners is not jeopardized at the hands of the private respondents. However, this direction will not validate the marriage said to have taken place between the parties and will have no effect on any civil or criminal action, which could be initiated in the matter in accordance with law.

(MANJARI NEHRU KAUL)
JUDGE

April 09, 2021
S.Sharma(syr)

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