

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

Sr. No.112

CRWP-3610-2021

Date of Decision:15.04.2021

DARSHANA AND ANOTHER

...Petitioners

VERSUS

STATE OF PUNJAB AND OTHERS

...Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE ARCHANA PURI

Present:- Mr. Vikramjeet Singh, Advocate for the petitioners.

ARCHANA PURI, J.

The matter has been taken up through video conferencing in the light of COVID-19 pandemic.

The present petition has been filed by the petitioners for issuance of direction to official respondents No.2 and 3 to protect their lives and personal liberty, as they apprehend danger at the instance of private respondents No. 4 to 8, who are close relatives of petitioner No.1, namely, Darshana, on account of marriage, having solemnized by them on 06.04.2021.

In the petition, it is averred that both the petitioners Darshana and Pawan Kumar are major and to so substantiate the factum of age, copies of Aadhar Cards of both the petitioners have been annexed with the petition as Annexures P-1 and P2 respectively. Further to substantiate the factum of marriage, copy of marriage certificate has been placed on record as Annexure P-3, which reveals about the marriage having performed by the petitioners on 06.04.2021. Both the petitioners are stated to be residing within the jurisdiction of this Court and now they apprehend danger to their lives and personal liberty at the instance of private respondent nos.4 to 8, who are the close relatives of petitioner no.1. Further to so substantiate their averments, joint affidavit of both the petitioners has been annexed

with the petition.

Notice of motion.

Mr. Suveer Sheokand, Addl. Advocate General, Punjab, accepts notice on behalf of the official respondents and gives assurance about initiation of action on the representation dated 07.04.2021, in accordance with law.

In view of the submission so made and the assurance so given by the learned State Counsel, the present petition is hereby disposed of with the direction to official respondents No.2 and 3 to consider the grievance of the petitioner, in view of the representation dated 07.04.2021, copy whereof is Annexure P-4 and to initiate action upon the same, in accordance with law, if so required.

However, these observations are circumscribed, only for the purposes of disposal of the present petition, without prejudice to the rights of the parties, to be adjudicated in any civil or criminal proceedings, qua their age, factum of marriage and the validity thereof.

(ARCHANA PURI)
JUDGE

15.04.2021

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Whether speaking/reasoned

Yes

Whether reportable

No