

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

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**CRWP-4023-2021(O&M)
Decided on : 28.04.2021**

RAJ KUMAR DUMAR AND ANR

. . . Petitioner(s)

Versus

STATE OF PUNJAB AND ORS

. . . Respondent(s)

**CORAM: HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE MANJARI NEHRU KAUL
(Through Video Conferencing)**

Present: Mr. Rajeev Dev Sharma, Advocate
for the petitioners.

MANJARI NEHRU KAUL, J. (Oral)

Prayer in the instant petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India, is for issuance of directions to official respondents 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 -Rajkumar Dumar aged about 24 and petitioner No.2-Roshani Dumar aged about 18 years have got married on 20.04.2021, against the wishes of their family members, arrayed as private respondents. It has been further submitted that the private respondents are threatening the petitioners with dire consequences. 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 20.04.2021 (Annexure P-4) in this regard to respondent No.2-Senior Superintendent of Police, Pathankot, soon after their marriage, however, no action has been taken by the authorities

concerned to come to their rescue. In support of his submissions he has annexed the copy of the postal receipt through which the representation was made to the respondent No.2-Senior Superintendent of Police Pathankot.

On a pointed query put to learned counsel for the petitioners as to whether any DDR/FIR regarding the missing of petitioner No.2 had been filed by the private respondents or any criminal case registered against petitioner No.1 pertaining to the elopement of petitioner No.2 with petitioner No.1, since petitioner No.2 is stated to have turned 18 years as recently as on 02.04.2021, the learned counsel has replied in the negative.

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, Pathankot, to look into the representation dated 20.04.2021 (Annexure P-4) 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 28, 2021
S.Sharma(syr)

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