

**In the High Court for the States of Punjab and Haryana
At Chandigarh**

CRWP-4020-2021 (O&M)
Date of Decision:-28.4.2021

Anita and another ... Petitioners

Versus

State of Punjab and others ... Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE GURVINDER SINGH GILL

Present:- Mr. Barjesh Kumar Sharma, Advocate for the petitioners.

(proceedings conducted through video conferencing)

GURVINDER SINGH GILL, J.(Oral)

1. Petitioner No.1-Anita aged 21 years and petitioner No.2-Pawan Kumar aged 27 years have approached this Court seeking issuance of a direction to official respondents to protect their lives and liberty as they apprehend threat to the same at the hands of the private respondents, who are their relatives and who are against their marriage.
2. It is averred in the petition that while it is the first marriage of petitioner No.1, petitioner No.2 had earlier been married but had sought a '*Panchayati*' divorce and that infact even his first wife has also solemnized her marriage with another person.
3. Without commenting as regards the veracity of the averments made in the petition and also as regards the validity of alleged marriage of the petitioners,

the petition is disposed of with a direction to respondent No.2-Commissioner of Police, Jalandhar, District Jalandhar, Punjab to look into the matter and to dispose off the representation dated 22.4.2021 (Annexure P-5) in accordance with law. In case, it is found that there is a genuine threat to the lives and liberty of the petitioners, then necessary steps warranted under law be taken thereupon at the earliest so as to ensure that no harm is caused to the petitioners.

4. A copy of this order alongwith copy of the representation dated 22.4.2021 (Annexure P-5) be sent to respondent No.2-Commissioner of Police, Jalandhar, District Jalandhar, Punjab so as to enable him to do the needful expeditiously.
5. It is, however, clarified that the aforesaid order shall not be taken to be any expression as regards the validity of marriage of the petitioners and shall not confer any immunity upon the petitioners, in case it is found that they have committed any wrong.

28.4.2021

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**(Gurvinder Singh Gill)
Judge**

Whether speaking /reasoned Yes / No

Whether Reportable Yes / No