

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

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**CRWP-4043-2021(O&M)
Decided on : 28.04.2021**

GAGANDEEP KAUR AND ANOTHER

. . . Petitioner(s)

Versus

STATE OF PUNJAB AND ORS

. . . Respondent(s)

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

Present: Ms. Harpreet Kaur, 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 the 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 -Gagandeep Kaur aged about 23 and petitioner No.2-Lachhman Singh aged about 29 years have got married on 02.12.2020 against the wishes of their family members, arrayed as private respondent. Learned counsel submits that it is the first marriage of both the petitioners. It has been further submitted that the private respondents are continuously 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 19.04.2021 (Annexure P-4) in this regard to respondent No.2-Senior Superintendent of Police, Faridkot, on 19.04.2021,

however, no action has been taken by the authorities concerned to come to their rescue.

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, she has apprised this Court that it was sent through courier. In support of her submissions, learned counsel has sent through Whatsapp, receipt of the courier service 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, Faridkot, to look into the representation dated 19.04.2021 (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