

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

CRWP-4137-2021

DECIDED ON: 26th AUGUST, 2021

ARSHI AND ANOTHER

.....PETITIONERS

VERSUS

STATE OF PUNJAB AND OTHERS

.....RESPONDENTS

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE AVNEESH JHINGAN.

Present: Ms. Manisha Nehra, Advocate for the petitioners.

Mr. Prateek Gupta, APP, UT Chandigarh.

AVNEESH JHINGAN, J (ORAL)

[1] The matter is taken up for hearing through video conference due to COVID-19 situation.

[2] This petition was filed for issuance of directions to the official respondents for protection of life and liberty of the petitioners from the private respondents arrayed in the petition.

[3] As per the pleadings, the petitioners had performed marriage against the wishes of their parents, hence, there is a threat perception.

[4] On 30th April, 2021, the following order was passed:-

“ The matter is taken up for hearing through video conference due to COVID-19 situation.

Notice of motion to respondents No. 1 to 3.

Mr. Prateek Gupta, APP for UT, Chandigarh appearing on advance notice accepts the same and seeks time to have instructions. He further submits that there is some technical problem with the copy supplied through electronic medium.

Learned counsel for the petitioners submits that hard copy as well as soft copy would be supplied during the course of day.

Put up on 7.05.2021.

In the meantime, the police officials not below the rank of Deputy Superintendent of Police should record the statements of the petitioners.

In case a request is made by the petitioners, they may be provided shelter in safe house till the next date.”

[5] Learned counsel appearing for the UT Chandigarh, on instructions from ASI Harpinder Singh submits that the statements of the petitioners have been recorded and it is stated in the statements that there is no threat perception.

[6] In view of statement made by learned counsel appearing for UT Chandigarh, no cause of action survives for pursuing the present petition.

[7] Disposed of as infructuous.

26th AUGUST, 2021
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(AVNEESH JHINGAN)
JUDGE

<i>Whether speaking/reasoned</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>Whether reportable</i>	<i>No</i>