

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

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**CRWP No.4173 of 2021 (O&M)
DECIDED ON : 04.05.2021**

Gurmeet Kaur & Anr**...Petitioners**

Versus

State of Punjab & Ors.**...Respondents****CORAM:- HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE GIRISH AGNIHOTRI.**

Present:- Mr. Karanjeet Singh Brar, Advocate, for the petitioners.

Mr. H.S. Sitta, Asstt. A.G., Punjab.

GIRISH AGNIHOTRI, J. (ORAL)

The matter has been taken up through video-conferencing due to outbreak of pandemic COVID-19.

The petitioners, namely, Gurmeet Kaur, stated to be aged 19 years and Sandeep Singh, stated to be aged 24 years, have jointly filed the present petition *inter alia* with a prayer for issuance of directions to respondents No. 1 to 3 to protect life and liberty of the petitioners from the hands of respondents No.4 and 5.

Learned counsel for the petitioners based upon pleading in the petition submits that the petitioners as per the date of birth in the Aadhaar Card are major. He then submits that petitioner No.1 had left her parental home and started residing with petitioner No.2 as live-in-relationship. It is submitted that respondents No.4 and 5 (i.e. family members of petitioner No.1) refused to allow the petitioners to marry/reside together. By making reference to para 4 of the writ petition, learned counsel for the petitioners further submits that petitioners are ready and willing to perform the

marriage but due to pandemic situation, they are not performing the same as of now, and would perform the marriage when situation permits.

Learned counsel for the petitioners submits that in this regard, a detailed representation dated 27.04.2021 (Annexure P-3) was submitted to respondent Nos.2 and 3-Senior Superintendent of Police, District Fazilka and Station House Officer, Police Station Sadar Abohar, District Fazilka respectively. He also relies on judgment dated 09.10.2020 in CRWP No.7911 of 2020.

Notice of motion to official respondents only, at this stage.

Mr. H.S. Sitta, Asstt. A.G., Punjab, who has joined proceedings on service of advance copy of the petition, appears and accepts notice on behalf of the State.

While refraining from making any expression as regards the veracity of the averments made in the petition, the petition is disposed of with a direction that in case the petitioners approach the police authorities concerned with above representation dated 27.04.2021 (Annexure P-3) with regard to their alleged threat perception, the same shall be got examined by the Competent Authority/respondent No.2, expeditiously in accordance with law and necessary steps as may be warranted under the facts and circumstances of the case be taken thereupon forthwith.

A copy of this order be sent to the Senior Superintendent of Police, District Fazilka-respondent No.2 by registry through e-mail or any other mode, so as to enable the said authority to do the needful expeditiously.

(GIRISH AGNIHOTRI)
JUDGE

04.05.2021
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Whether speaking/reasoned : YES/NO
Whether reportable : YES/NO