

CRWP-4321-2021 (O&M)

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

**CRWP-4321-2021 (O&M).
Decided on: May 13, 2021.**

Dimple and another

.. Petitioners

VERSUS

State of Punjab and others

.. Respondents

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CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE JASGURPREET SINGH PURI

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**PRESENT Mr.Gurminder Singh Salana, Advocate,
for the petitioners.**

JASGURPREET SINGH PURI, J. (ORAL)

The present petition has been filed under Article 226/227 of the Constitution of India, for issuance of a writ especially in the nature of mandamus directing respondent Nos.1 to 2 to provide protection to life and liberty of the petitioners and further directing respondent nos.4 to 7 not to interfere in the personal lives and liberty of the petitioners or to harass them in any manner, against the wishes of the petitioners.

Learned counsel for the petitioners has submitted that the petitioners are major. Petitioner No.1 is more than 21 years of age and petitioner No.2 is more than 30 years of age and they claim to have married

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with each other with their own consent against the wishes of their family members. The marriage certificate has been attached as Annexure P-4 and photographs as Annexure P-5. He has further submitted that parents of petitioner No.1 did not permit the petitioner No.1 to get married with petitioner No.2 and therefore, there is a reasonable apprehension and threat to the life and liberty of the petitioners at the hands of private respondents who are the parents and relatives of petitioner No.1. He has further submitted that the petitioners have submitted a representation (Annexure P-6) dated 30.04.2021, in this regard to the Senior Superintendent of Police, Patiala but no action has been taken.

Heard. Record perused.

Notice of motion to the office of Advocate General, Punjab.

On asking of the Court, Mr.Sidakmeet Sandhu, AAG, Punjab, accepts notice on behalf of State - respondent Nos.1, 2 and 3.

At this stage, Mr.Abhinav Gupta, Advocate, has caused appearance on behalf of private respondent Nos.4 to 7. He has, on instructions, submitted that it is correct that the petitioners have married with each other and both of them are of marriageable age. He has submitted that respondent Nos.4 to 7 do not have any intention to harass or harm the petitioners. However, he has submitted that private respondent Nos.4 to 7, may be permitted to meet petitioner No.1.

I have heard the learned counsel for the parties.

So far as petitioners are concerned, both of them are stated to be of marriageable age and they have married with each other with

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their own consent as stated by the learned counsel for the petitioners. The subject matter of the present petition pertains to the prayer for grant of protection of lives and liberty of the petitioners at the hands of private respondent Nos.4 to 7. Further, a statement has been made by the learned counsel for private respondent Nos.4 to 7 that they have no intention to harass or harm the petitioners.

Be that as it may, the learned counsel for the petitioners has submitted that the SSP, Patiala may be directed to consider the representation of the petitioners so that in future, lives and liberty of the petitioners stands protected.

In view of above, this petition is disposed of with a direction that the Senior Superintendent of Police, Patiala, who shall look into the representation dated 30.4.2021 (Annexure P-6) strictly in accordance with law for grant of protection of life and liberty to the petitioners if so required. So far as prayer of private respondent Nos.4 to 7 with regard to meeting petitioner No.1, is concerned, the said respondents being parents and relatives of petitioner No.1 have not been stopped by any direction or order from meeting petitioner No.1 and they can always do so in accordance with law.

It is made clear that this order shall not be treated as a stamp of this Court regarding marriage of the parties.

May 13, 2021.
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(JASGURPREET SINGH PURI)
JUDGE

Whether speaking / reasoned
Whether reportable

Yes / No
Yes / No