

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

**CRWP-4572-2021 (O&M)
Date of decision: 19.05.2021**

Gurpal Singh and another ...Petitioners

Versus

State of Punjab and othersRespondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARNARESH SINGH GILL

Present:- Mr. Karandeep S. Sidhu, Advocate for the petitioners.

HARNARESH SINGH GILL, J. (ORAL)

Case is taken up for hearing through video conferencing.

This petition has been filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India for issuance of a writ in the nature of mandamus directing respondents No. 1 and 2 to protect the life and liberty of the petitioners at the hands of respondents No. 4 to 14.

Learned counsel for the petitioners states that both the petitioners are major and have married against the wishes of respondents No. 4 to 14 and have sought protection to their life and liberty. They apprehend danger at the hands of respondents No. 4 to 14. The certificate evidencing their marriage is on record as P-4. This is an inter-caste marriage. Petitioner No. 2 has submitted a representation dated 07.05.2021 (Annexure P-5) to respondent No. 2-Senior Superintendent of Police, Fazilka.

Learned counsel for the petitioners further states that the family members of petitioner No. 2, have lodged an FIR bearing No. 23 dated 29.04.2021 at Police Station Amir Khas, District Fazilka, against petitioner No. 1 and his parents. On the other hand, Petitioner No. 2 has also filed a criminal complaint under Sections 323, 506 and 34 IPC, against respondents No. 6-Jatinder Kumar, 7-Sukhpal and 9-Vishal (her brothers and paternal uncle respectively), before the learned Judicial Magistrate 1st Class, Ferozepur,

Notice of motion to respondents No. 1 to 3 only.

On the asking of this Court, Mr. Avtar Singh Sandhu, Addl. AG Punjab, accepts notice on behalf of respondents No. 1 to 3 only.

Without entering upon an exercise to evaluate the evidentiary value of the documents placed on the file, I dispose of the petition with a direction to respondent No. 2-Senior Superintendent of Police, Fazilka, to decide the representation dated 07.05.2021 (Annexure P-5) of petitioner No. 2 and grant protection to the petitioners, if any threat to their life and liberty is perceived.

It is made clear that this order shall not be taken to protect the petitioners from legal action for violation of law, if any, committed by them.

(HARNARESH SINGH GILL)
JUDGE

19.05.2021

Mangal Singh

Whether reasoned/speaking?
Whether reportable?

Yes/No
Yes/No