

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

**Criminal Writ Petition No. 4510 of 2021
Date of Decision: May 18, 2021**

MANSI KATTAL AND ANOTHER PETITIONER (s)

Versus

STATE OF PUNJAB AND OTHERS RESPONDENT (s)

CORAM:- HON'BLE MRS.JUSTICE LISA GILL

Present: Mr. Sarvesh Kumar Gupta, Advocate for the petitioners.

Ms. Samina Dhir, DAG, Punjab.

LISA GILL, J.

Petitioners seek protection of their life and liberty as they apprehend danger at the hands of respondents No.4 to 8 because they have married each other on 11.05.2021 against the wishes of the said respondents.

Both the petitioners, it is submitted, have solemnized marriage with each other out of their own free will and volition and that this is their first marriage, besides there being no legal impediment there to.

Learned counsel for the petitioners identifies the petitioners on the basis of the documents attached. It is contended that the petitioners are major, their dates of birth being 12.10.2000 and 25.02.2000, respectively. True copies of Aadhar Cards of both the petitioners have been appended with the petition as Annexures P1 and P2, respectively. A copy of the Marriage Certificate and the photographs of the marriage are on record as Annexures P3 and P4, respectively.

Petitioners, it is stated, have submitted representation dated 11.05.2021

(Annexure P5) to respondent No.2 i.e. the Commissioner of Police, Amritsar for redressal of their grievance but no action has been taken thereon.

Notice of motion to Advocate General, Haryana.

Ms. Samina Dhir, DAG, Punjab, accepts notice on behalf of respondents No.1 to 3. Advance copy of the petition already stands served.

Without commenting upon the age of the petitioners or validity of their marriage or the validity and genuineness of the certificates/documents appended with this petition, respondent No.2 – the Commissioner of Police, Amritsar is directed to look into representation dated 11.05.2021 submitted by the petitioners and take appropriate action if any/as may be required, keeping in view the threat perception to the petitioners.

It is, however, made clear that this order shall have no effect on the validity of the alleged marriage of the petitioners and neither will any other civil or criminal proceedings initiated against the petitioners be barred due to this order.

Petition is disposed of accordingly.

18.05.2021

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(LISA GILL)

JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned: Yes/No

Whether reportable: Yes/No