

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

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CRWP-4636-2021 (O&M)
Date of decision: 21.05.2021

Megha and another

....Petitioners

versus

State of Punjab and others

....Respondents

CORAM: Hon'ble Mr. Justice Girish Agnihotri

Present: Mr. Vaibhav Narang, Advocate
for the petitioners.

Mr. Manreet Singh Nagra, Assistant AG, Punjab.

GIRISH AGNIHOTRI, J. (Oral)

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

Petitioners-Megha and Jai Parkash, stated to be aged 23 & 24 years, have jointly filed the present petition *inter alia* with a prayer for directing respondents No.2 & 3 to protect life and liberty of the petitioners from the hands of respondents No.4 to 10.

Learned counsel for the petitioners, by making reference to the pleadings in the petition, submits that petitioner No.1 got married on 25.07.2015 with respondent No.10-Sunil Rathore (when she was minor). It is the case of the petitioner that this marriage was without her consent and will. There are allegations that she was not treated properly by respondent No.10. On 20.12.2020, she is stated to have left the matrimonial home of

respondent No.10 and started living with her parents. It is then pleaded that petitioner No.1 is known to petitioner No.2 since 2011 as they used to study in the same school. Learned counsel by making reference to para 10 of the petition, submits that the petitioners are residing together and would marry each other after pursuing their legal remedies i.e. regarding marriage of petitioner No.1 when she was minor. In this regard, learned counsel places reliance on the judgment dated 09.10.2020 passed by this Court in **CRWP-7911-220** titled as ***Divya vs. State of Punjab and others*** and judgment dated 18.05.2021, passed in **CRWP-4521-2021** titled as ***Pardeep Singh and another vs. State of Haryana and others***.

Learned counsel further submits that in this regard, a detailed representation dated 11.05.2021 (Annexure P-4) was submitted to the Commissioner of Police, Amritsar, District Amritsar (respondent No.2).

Notice of motion.

On asking of the Court, Mr. Manreet Singh Nagra, Assistant AG, Punjab, 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 (Annexure P-4) with regard to their alleged threat perception, the same shall be got examined by the Commissioner of Police, Amritsar, District Amritsar (respondent No.2) as expeditiously as possible, 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 Commissioner of Police, Amritsar, District Amritsar (respondent No.2) by the Registry through e-mail or any other mode, so as to enable him to do the needful expeditiously .

Needless to say that the aforesaid order shall not be construed to be an expression as regards the validity of the alleged marriage of the petitioner-I.

Ordered accordingly.

(GIRISH AGNIHOTRI)
JUDGE

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Whether speaking/ reasoned:
Whether Reportable:

Yes/No
Yes/No