

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT CHANDIGARH

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**CRWP No.4640 of 2021
Date of Decision: 20.05.2021**

Sonali Chaudhary and another

....Petitioners

VERSUS

State of Punjab and others

....Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE ALKA SARIN

Present: Mr. Munish Puri, Advocate for the petitioners.

ALKA SARIN, J. (Oral)

Heard through video conferencing.

This is a petition under Article 226 of the Constitution of India seeking protection of life and liberty of the petitioners at the hands of respondent Nos.4 and 5.

Learned counsel for the petitioners has submitted that the petitioners are major and have got married against the wishes of their parents and relatives. Copies of the Aadhaar Cards and Matriculation Certificates of both the petitioners have been annexed with the petition as Annexures P-1 to P-4. Learned counsel for the petitioners has contended that the petitioners are receiving serious threats and apprehend grave danger to their life and liberty. The petitioners had also sent a representation dated 17.05.2021 (Annexure P-7) to respondent No.2 – Commissioner of Police, Jalandhar – for providing adequate security. However, no action has been taken till date. The counsel for the petitioners would further contend that he limits his prayer in the present petition and would be satisfied at this stage if directions are issued for deciding the said representation in accordance with law.

Notice of motion.

On the asking of the Court, Ms. Bhavna Gupta, DAG Punjab, who has joined the session through video conferencing, accepts notice on behalf of respondent Nos.1 to 3. Since the matter is not being decided on merits, the service on other respondents is dispensed with.

Heard learned counsel for the parties.

Without expressing any opinion with regard to the veracity of the contents of the petition and the submissions made by learned counsel for the petitioners, the present petition is disposed off with a direction to the Commissioner of Police, Jalandhar (respondent No.2) to consider the representation dated 17.05.2021 (Annexure P-7) and take necessary action as per law.

It is, however, made clear that this order shall not, in any manner, be construed as an expression of opinion on the veracity of the statement made by the petitioners or on the validity of the marriage and shall have no effect on any other civil or criminal proceedings, if any, instituted/pending against them.

Disposed off.

**(ALKA SARIN)
JUDGE**

20th May, 2021
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NOTE: Whether speaking/non-speaking: Speaking
Whether reportable: YES/NO