

HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT CHANDIGARH

106 - CRWP-4763-2021 (O&M)

Date of Decision: 25.05.2021

Harjit Singh & Anr.

... Petitioners

VS.

State of Punjab & Ors.

... Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE GIRISH AGNIHOTRI

Present: Mr. KS Sidhu, Advocate for the petitioners

Ms. Rashmi Attri, AAG Punjab

GIRISH AGNIHOTRI, J. (Oral)

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

The petitioners, namely, Harjit Singh (21 years) and Usha Rani (20 years), who claim themselves to be major have filed the present petition *inter alia* praying for protection of their life and liberty since they apprehend threat to the same having married against the wishes of their parents and relatives.

Learned counsel based upon the pleadings in the petition, *inter alia*, submits that petitioners were known to each other since last many years and so they decided to get married. The marriage was solemnized on 17.05.2021 against the wishes of parents and relatives.

Notice of motion.

On the asking, Ms. Rashmi Attri, AAG Punjab accepts notice through video conferencing.

Counsel further submits that a representation has been submitted by the petitioners to the Senior Superintendent of Police, Sri Muktsar Sahib (P4).

While this Court refrains from making any expression as regard to the veracity of the averments having been made, this Court deems it appropriate to dispose of the present petition with a direction that in case the present petitioners approach the police authorities concerned by way of filing a representation, if already not filed, with regard to their alleged threat perception, the same shall be got examined expeditiously by the Senior Superintendent of Police, Sri Muktsar Sahib (respondent No.2), in accordance with law and thereafter let necessary steps, as may be warranted under the facts and circumstances of the cases, be taken thereupon forthwith.

A copy of this order be sent to respondent No.2 by the Registry through e-mail or any other mode so as to enable the said authority 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 parties.

So ordered.

25.05.2021

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**(Girish Agnihotri)
Judge**

1. Whether speaking/reasoned?

Yes/No

2. Whether reportable?

Yes/No