

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

**Criminal Writ Petition No.4798 of 2021
Date of Decision: May 26, 2021**

ANJU AND ANOTHER

..... PETITIONER (s)

Versus

STATE OF PUNJAB AND OTHERS

..... RESPONDENT (s)

CORAM:- HON'BLE MRS.JUSTICE LISA GILL

Present: Mr. Karandeep Singh, 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 17.05.2021 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 01.01.1998 and 10.07.1999, respectively. Affidavit of petitioner no.1 in this respect has been appended with the petition as Annexure P1 as the necessary documents are stated to be in possession of parents of petitioner no.1. True copy of Primary Education certificate of petitioner no.2 has been appended with the petition as Annexures P2. A copy of the marriage

certificate is on record as Annexures P3. Petitioners, it is stated, have submitted representation dated 18.05.2021 (Annexure P4) to respondent No.2 i.e. the Senior Superintendent of Police, Fazilka 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/affidavit appended with this petition, respondent No.2 – the Senior Superintendent of Police, Fazilka is directed to look into representation dated 18.05.2021 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.

26.05.2021

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JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned: Yes/No
Whether reportable: Yes/No