

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

CRWP-4761-2021

Date of Decision:25.05.2021

Kanika and another

... Petitioners

Versus

State of Punjab and others

... Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARNARESH SINGH GILL

Present: Mr. Puneet Pali, Advocate for the petitioners.

HARNARESH SINGH GILL, J.(Oral)

Case is taken up for hearing through Video Conferencing.

This petition has been filed under Article 226 of the Constitution for issuance of a writ in the nature of mandamus directing respondents No.2 and 3 to protect the life and liberty of the petitioners at the hands of respondents No.4 to 6.

At the outset, learned counsel for the petitioners states that as per affidavit dated 21.05.2021, the age of petitioner No.1 is 20 years, whereas inadvertently her age has been mentioned as 19 years in the memo of parties.

Accordingly, Registry is directed to make the necessary correction in the memo of parties at an appropriate place.

Learned counsel for the petitioners states that the petitioners have married against the wishes of respondents No.4 to 6 and have sought protection to their life and liberty. They apprehend danger at the hands of

respondents No.4 to 6. The certificate evidencing their marriage as well as photographs are on record as Annexure P-3 and P-4, respectively. The petitioners have submitted a representation dated 20.05.2021 (Annexure P-5) to respondent No.2-Commissioner of Police, Jalandhar.

Notice of motion to respondents No.1 to 3-State only.

On the asking of this Court, Mr. Avtar Singh Sandhu, Addl. A.G., Punjab, accepts notice on behalf of respondents No.1 to 3.

Without entering upon an exercise to evaluate the evidentiary value of the documents placed on the file, I dispose of the present petition with a direction to respondent No.2 to decide the representation dated 20.05.2021 (Annexure P-5) moved by the petitioners, and grant protection to them, if any threat to their life and liberty is perceived.

It is made clear that this order shall not be taken to protect the petitioners from legal action for violation of law, if any, committed by them.

25.05.2021
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(HARNARESH SINGH GILL)
JUDGE

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