

Criminal Writ Petition No. 5077 of 2021

Date of decision : June 03, 2021

Rupinder Kaur and another

.....Petitioners

Versus

State of Punjab and others

....Respondents

CORAM:- HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE LISA GILL

Present: Mr. Barjesh Kumar Sharma, Advocate for the petitioners.

Mr. Sukhbeer Singh, AAG, Punjab.

Ms. Srishti Shukla, Advocate for respondents No. 4 to 6.

LISA GILL, J.

This matter is being taken up for hearing through video conferencing due to outbreak of the pandemic, COVID-19.

Petitioners seek protection of their life and liberty as they apprehend danger at the hands of respondents No. 4 to 6 because they have married each other on 28.05.2021 against the wishes of said respondents.

Notice of motion.

Mr. Sukhbeer Singh, AAG, Punjab accepts notice on behalf of respondents No. 1 to 3.

At this stage, Ms. Srishti Shukla, Advocate appears on behalf of respondents No. 4 to 6. Copy of power of attorney filed has been circulated on the e-mail created for the purpose of video conferencing. Print out of the same be taken and attached with the file. Same be filed with the Registry of this Court within one week.

Learned counsel for respondents No. 4 to 6 submits that respondents No. 4 to 6 i.e. parents and brother of petitioner No. 1 fear for the well being and life of the said petitioner, as it has come to their notice that petitioner No. 2 is

involved in a criminal case. It is submitted that they only seek to meet petitioner No. 1. Learned counsel for the petitioners submits that there is no difficulty in petitioners' meeting the said respondents, provided there is no threat to them. It is further submitted that petitioner No. 1 shall remain present at the office of respondent No. 2 or any other place/as may be directed to meet respondents No. 4 to 6. It is agreed between the parties that petitioners and respondents No. 4 to 6 shall remain present at the office of respondent No. 2 on 07.06.2021 at 11.00 a.m. for interaction.

Keeping in view the facts and circumstances as above, besides the stance of the parties as noted above, but without expressing any opinion on the merits of the matter or commenting upon the genuineness or validity of the marriage or documents etc. attached with this petition, this petition is disposed of with the observation that respondent No. 2 or any other responsible officer deputed by him shall facilitate the meeting between the petitioners and respondents No. 4 to 6 at his office on 07.06.2021 at 11.00 a.m. Furthermore, respondent No.2 – Commissioner of Police Ludhiana is directed to look into representation dated 31.05.2021 submitted by the petitioners and after considering the entire facts and circumstances to take necessary steps if any/as may be required, keeping in view the threat perception to the petitioners.

June 03, 2021
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(Lisa Gill)
Judge

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