

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

Sr.No.114

CRWP No.5132 of 2021

Date of Decision: 04th June, 2021.

Seema Rani & Another

...Petitioners

Versus

State of Punjab & Others

...Respondents

(Heard through Video-Conferencing)

CORAM: HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE MEENAKSHI I. MEHTA

Present: Mr. Sourabh Goel, Advocate for the petitioners.

MEENAKSHI I. MEHTA, J. (ORAL)

By way of this petition, both the petitioners have approached this Court for seeking the relief of the issuance of a writ in the nature of mandamus directing respondents No.1 to 3 to protect their life and liberty as they apprehend threat to the same at the hands of respondents No.4 to 7 because they (petitioners) have solemnized their marriage against the wishes of these respondents. It has also been mentioned in this petition that the petitioners have already moved a representation (Annexure P-5) to respondent No.2 in this regard.

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

Ms. Rashmi Attri, Assistant Advocate General, Punjab, who has joined the proceedings on behalf of respondents No.1 to 3 in this case in pursuance of the copies of this petition having been sent to the respondent-State in advance, accepts the notice on behalf of these respondents.

Mr. Balbir Singh Saini, Advocate has joined the proceedings on behalf of respondent No.4 in this case and his power of

attorney has been received on the “WhatsApp Group for Video-Conferencing” of this Court and the same is taken on the record.

Heard.

Learned counsel for the petitioners restricts his prayer to the issuance of a direction to respondent No.2 to take appropriate action on the said representation, i.e. Annexure P-5.

Learned State counsel as well as learned counsel for respondent No.4 have no objection for the same.

Keeping in view the above-discussed prayer of learned counsel for the petitioners and without commenting or expressing any opinion on the legality and validity of the marriage, as stated to have been solemnized between the petitioners, respondent No.2-Senior Superintendent of Police, Rupnagar, is hereby directed to look into the said representation of the petitioners (Annexure P-5) and if it is found that the petitioners genuinely deserve any protection, then to take appropriate action in accordance with law.

It is further clarified that this order shall not be construed to be a shield to the petitioners against any proceedings already initiated or intended/ contemplated to be initiated by the competent authority/person against them and permissible under any relevant provisions of law.

This petition stands disposed of accordingly.

(MEENAKSHI I. MEHTA)
JUDGE

04.06.2021.
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Whether speaking/reasoned?	Yes/No
Whether Reportable?	Yes/No