

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

CRWP No.5401 of 2021(O&M)
Date of Decision: 05.07.2021

Kamalpreet Kaur & Anr.

...Petitioners

Versus

State of Punjab & Ors.

...Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARINDER SINGH SIDHU

Present: Mr. Naresh Kumar Bansal, Advocate for the petitioners.

Mr. Sarabjit Singh, AAG, Punjab.

HARINDER SINGH SIDHU, J.

The present petition has been filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India seeking protection to the lives and liberty of the petitioners at the hands of private respondents No.4 to 10.

Petitioner No.1 is aged about 17 years and 09 months whereas petitioner No.2 is 23 years old. It is stated that the petitioners know each other since long time and they desire to get married after petitioner No.1 attains the age of majority. Petitioner No.1 expressed her wish to her family members but her parents did not agree. Instead, they wanted to forcibly perform the marriage of petitioner No.1 with a person of their own choice. As petitioner No.1 did not want to get married to the person as arranged by the private respondents, she ran away from her home of her own accord. Presently, petitioner No.1 is residing at Village Bhukhri, City Banga, District SBS Nagar, Nawan Shahar (Post Office Dosanjh Khurd, near Ravidas Gurudwara Sahib) along with petitioner No.2.

The petitioners apprehend danger to their lives at the hands of the private respondents. They have submitted a representation dated

08.06.2021 to respondent No.2 seeking protection of their lives at the hands of the private respondents. It is the categorical case of the petitioners that they have not yet performed marriage though they intend to do so after attaining the appropriate age as per law.

Learned counsel for the petitioners submits that petitioner No.1 is not ready and willing to reside with her parents.

Considering the fact that petitioner No.1 is a minor and that she does not wish to stay with her parents there appears to be no option, but to direct that petitioner No.1 be lodged at Nari Niketan, Jalandhar. Ordered accordingly. The Deputy Commissioner, Jalandhar is requested to make necessary arrangements in this regard.

The Senior Superintendent of Police, SBS Nagar is requested to depute police officials including a lady Constable to contact petitioner No.1 tomorrow i.e., 06.07.2021 at the address mentioned above and escort her to Nari Niketan, Jalandhar. Respondent No.2 to also look into the representation of the petitioners and take necessary action as may be necessary for their protection as per law.

Copy of the order under the signatures of the Special Secretary of the Bench be supplied to Ld. counsel for the petitioners as also to the Ld. Assistant Advocate General, Punjab for onward transmission to concerned quarters for compliance.

July 05, 2021

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**(HARINDER SINGH SIDHU)
JUDGE**

Whether Speaking / Reasoned	Yes
Whether Reportable	Yes / No