

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

**CRWP-5596-2021(O&M)
Date of decision: 21.06.2021**

Rakesh Kumar and another

...Petitioners

Versus

State of Punjab and others

...Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARNARESH SINGH GILL

Present:- Mr. Rajesh Narang, 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 and 227 of the Constitution of India for issuance of a writ in the nature of mandamus directing respondents No. 1 to 3 to protect the life and liberty of the petitioners at the hands of respondents No. 4 to 12.

Learned counsel for the petitioners states that both the petitioners are major and have married against the wishes of respondents No. 4 to 12 and have sought protection to their life and liberty. They apprehend danger at the hands of respondents No. 4 to 12. The certificate and photographs evidencing their marriage are on record as Annexures P-5 and P-6, respectively.

He further states that the marriage was solemnised on 16.06.2021, but in the representation (Annexure P-7), it has wrongly been

mentioned as 14.06.2021. He accordingly prays that the said date may be read as 16.06.2021. The petitioners have submitted a representation dated 16.06.2021 (Annexure P-7) to respondent No. 2-Senior Superintendent of Police, Fazilka.

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

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

Without entering upon an exercise to evaluate the evidentiary value of the documents placed on the file, I dispose of the petition with a direction to respondent No. 2- Senior Superintendent of Police, Fazilka, to decide the representation dated 16.06.2021 (Annexure P-7) of 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.

(HARNARESH SINGH GILL)
JUDGE

21.06.2021

Mangal Singh

Whether reasoned/speaking?
Whether reportable?

Yes/No
Yes/No