

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

CRWP-5619-2021

DECIDED ON: 15th JULY, 2021

JASPREET KAUR MINOR TH. MANPREET SINGH AND ANR

.....PETITIONERS

VERSUS

STATE OF PUNJAB AND OTHERS

.....RESPONDENTS

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE AVNEESH JHINGAN.

Present: Mr. Tejinder Pal Singh, Advocate for the petitioners.

Ms. Monika Jalota, DAG, Punjab.

AVNEESH JHINGAN, J (ORAL)

The matter is taken up for hearing through video conference due to COVID-19 situation.

This writ petition was filed seeking directions to the official respondents to protect the life and liberty of the petitioners.

It was pleaded that the petitioners had performed marriage against the wishes of their parents, hence, there is a threat perception.

On 22nd June, 2021, the fact was considered that petitioner No.1 is minor, to ensure her safety directions were issued to keep her in Nari Niketan till the next date.

Today, learned State counsel has filed a short reply by way of an affidavit of Paramjit Singh, PPS, Deputy Superintendent of Police, Sub-Division, Dhuri annexing the statement of father of petitioner No.1 as well as Amarjit Kaur, Member Panchayat. Print out of the same is taken on record.

As per the reply, the petitioners are not available at the given

address and their whereabouts are not known. Statement of Member Panchayat was recorded. Father of petitioner No.1 has lodged FIR No. 73, dated 31st May, 2021, under Sections 363/366-A IPC at Police Station Dhanaula, Police District Barnala.

Learned State counsel, on instructions submits that in case the petitioners approach the office of Senior Superintendent of Police concerned with any threat perception, the same would be considered in accordance with law as expeditiously.

Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that he is also not being contacted by his clients.

In view of the statement made by learned State counsel, the present petition is disposed of.

It is clarified that this order shall not be construed as any sort of protection to petitioner No.2, if he is required in any FIR.

15th JULY, 2021
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(AVNEESH JHINGAN)
JUDGE

<i>Whether speaking/reasoned</i>	<i>Yes</i>
<i>Whether reportable</i>	<i>No</i>