

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

CRWP-5768-2021 (O&M)

Date of Decision: 24.06.2021

SONIA RANI AND ANOTHER

... Petitioners

Versus

STATE OF PUNJAB AND OTHERS

... Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARNARESH SINGH GILL

Present: Mr. Rakesh Gupta, 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 of the Constitution of India for issuance of 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 10.

Learned counsel for the petitioners states that both the petitioners are major and have married against the wishes of respondents No.4 to 10 and have sought protection to their life and liberty. They apprehend danger at the hands of respondents No.4 to 10. The marriage certificate evidencing their marriage is on record as Annexure P-3. The petitioners have submitted a representation dated 21.06.2021 (Annexure P-4) to respondent No.2-Senior Superintendent of Police, District Ropar.

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

On the asking of this Court, Mr. Avtar Singh Sandhu, Addl. A.G. Punjab, accepts notice on behalf of respondents No.1 to 3-State.

Mr. Parminder Singh, Advocate appears and accepts notice on

Without entering upon an exercise to evaluate the evidentiary value of the documents placed on the file, I dispose of the present petition with a direction to respondent No.2-Senior Superintendent of Police, District Ropar, to decide the representation dated 21.06.2021 (Annexure P-4) moved by 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.

At this stage, learned counsel for respondents No.4 to 6 submits that they want to have an interaction with petitioner No.1-Sonia Rani.

Learned counsel for the petitioners does not have any objection to said prayer provided such interaction is allowed only in the premises of Police Station Chamkaur Sahib, District Ropar.

Learned State counsel submits that the SHO, Police Station Chamkaur Sahib, District Ropar, will make necessary arrangements for interaction between respondents No.4 to 6 and the petitioners at Police Station, Chamkaur Sahib, District Ropar.

Keeping in view the above, respondents No.4 to 6 and the petitioners are directed to appear before the SHO, Police Station Chamkaur Sahib, District Ropar, for interaction on 28.06.2021 or any other date as per their convenience.

Concerned SHO is directed to make all necessary arrangements for the same and also to ensure that no untoward incident takes place.

24.06.2021

Aman Jain

(HARNARESH SINGH GILL)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned
Whether reportable

: *Yes/No*
: *Yes/No*