

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

CRWP-5808-2021

DECIDED ON: 1st JULY, 2021

AMANDEEP KAUR AND ANOTHER

.....PETITIONERS

VERSUS

STATE OF PUNJAB AND OTHERS

.....RESPONDENTS

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE AVNEESH JHINGAN.

Present: Mr. Gautam Kaile, 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 petition was filed for issuance of directions to the official respondents for protection of life and liberty of the petitioners from the private respondents arrayed in the petition.

As per the pleadings, the petitioners had performed marriage against the wishes of their parents, hence, there is a threat perception.

On 25th June, 2021, the following order was passed:-

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

Notice of motion to respondents No. 1 to 3 only, at this stage.

Ms. Monika Jalota, DAG, Punjab, appearing on advance notice accepts the same and seeks time to have instructions.

Put up on 01.07.2021.

In the meantime, the police official not below the rank of Deputy Superintendent of Police should record the statements of the petitioners.

In case a request is made by the petitioners, they may be provided shelter in safe house till the next date.”

Learned State counsel, on instructions submits that in spite of best efforts made, petitioners could not be contacted. She further submits that in case the petitioners approaches the office of Senior Superintendent of Police, SAS Nagar, Mohali, there grievance would be looked into as expeditiously as possible.

Learned counsel for the petitioners submits that even he is not in the contact of his clients.

In view of above present petition disposed of.

However, a liberty is granted to the petitioners to approach the office of Senior Superintendent of Police, SAS Nagar, Mohali if there is a threat apprehension. In case petitioners approach the Senior Superintendent of Police, SAS Nagar, Mohali, appropriate steps as warranted in accordance with law would be taken within 48 hours, thereafter.

1st JULY, 2021

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**(AVNEESH JHINGAN)
JUDGE**

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