

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT
CHANDIGARH

CRWP-6317-2021

Date of Decision: 09.07.2021

Bharti and another

....Petitioner(s)

Versus

State of Haryana and others

.....Respondent(s)

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE JASGURPREET SINGH PURI

Present: Mr. Anoop Verma, Advocate, for the petitioners.

Through Video Conferencing

JASGURPREET SINGH PURI, J. (Oral)

The present petition has been filed under Article 226/227 of the Constitution of India with a prayer for issuance of a writ, order or direction especially in the nature of mandamus directing the respondent Nos. 1 to 3 to protect the life, liberty and dignity of the petitioners from the hands of the private respondents.

The learned counsel for the petitioners has submitted that petitioner No.1- girl is 18 years and 1 month and is of marriageable age whereas petitioner No.2-boy, is 20 years and 9 months which is short of 3 months from the marriageable age. He submitted that it is a case where both the petitioners, they want to marry each other but because of the shortfall of 3 months of the petitioner No.2, they could not marry and they intend to marry once he attained the age of marriage. He submitted that the petitioners have submitted a representation (Annexure P-3) to the Superintendent of Police,

District Kurukshetra, Haryana but no action has taken. He submitted that there is an immense threat to the life of the petitioners and the threat is to such an extent that they may even be killed for the sake of the family prestige and therefore has sought protection from this Court.

Notice of motion to respondent Nos. 1 to 3.

Mr. Deepak Manchanda, the learned Additional Advocate General, Haryana accepts notice on behalf of the aforesaid respondents and states that he has no objection in case the representation made by the petitioners vide Annexure P-3 is considered by the concerned authorities in accordance with law.

I have heard the learned counsel for the parties.

The scope of the present petition pertains to only to the grant of protection of life to the petitioners.

In view of the circumstances of the present case, it is directed that respondent No.2 shall look into the representation Annexure P-3 filed by the petitioners and to take further appropriate action in accordance with law for the purpose of the protection of the life of the petitioners if so required.

It is made clear that the present directions are pertaining only to ensuring the protection of life of the petitioners warranted under Article 21 of the Constitution of India and does not in any way preclude the police to take any other action against the petitioners if it is so warranted and which is in accordance with law.

The petition stands disposed of accordingly.

09.07.2021.

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Whether reportable

(JASGURPREET SINGH PURI)
JUDGE

: Yes/No
: Yes/No