

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

Sr.No.120

CRWP No.6448 of 2021

Date of Decision: 13.07.2021

Pammi and another

...Petitioners

Versus

State of Punjab and others

...Respondents

(Heard through Video-Conferencing)

CORAM: HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE MEENAKSHI I. MEHTA

Present: Mr. Amandeep Singh Samra, Advocate,
for the petitioners.

MEENAKSHI I. MEHTA, J. (ORAL)

By way of this petition, both the petitioners have approached this Court for seeking the relief of the issuance of appropriate direction to respondents No.2 and 3 to protect their lives and liberty as they apprehend threat to the same at the hands of respondents No.4 to 6, who happen to be the husband, father-in-law and brother-in-law of petitioner No.1 respectively, while averring that petitioner No.1 was married to respondent No.4 against her wishes and the relations between them were not cordial from the very beginning of their marital life and therefore, she left her matrimonial home along-with her three children and has started living with petitioner No.2 in relationship. It has also been mentioned in this petition that a representation (Annexure P-3) has already been moved to respondent No.2 in this regard.

Ms. Samina Dhir, learned Deputy Advocate General, Punjab, has joined the proceedings on behalf of respondents No.1 to 3 in this case, in pursuance of the copies of this petition having been sent to the

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respondent-State in advance.

Heard.

Learned counsel for the petitioners restricts his prayer to the issuance of a direction to respondent No.2 to take appropriate action on the said representation of petitioner No.1, i.e. Annexure P-3.

Learned State counsel has no objection for the same.

Keeping in view the intent of the fundamental right enshrined in Article 21 of the Constitution of India which ensures the protection of life and liberty to the citizens and without commenting or expressing any opinion on the validity and legality of the relationship between the petitioners, respondent No.2-Superintendent of Police, Sangrur, is hereby directed to look into the said representation of petitioner No.1 (Annexure P-3) and if it is found that the petitioners genuinely deserve any protection, then to take appropriate action in accordance with law.

It is further clarified that this order shall not be construed to be a shield to the petitioners against any proceedings already initiated or intended/contemplated to be initiated by the competent authority/person on account of their said relationship and permissible under any relevant provisions of law.

This petition stands disposed of accordingly.

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(MEENAKSHI I. MEHTA)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned Yes/No
Whether Reportable Yes/No