

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT
CHANDIGARH

CRWP-6883-2021

Date of Decision:26.07.2021

Rajwanti and another

... Petitioners

Versus

State of Punjab and others

... Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARNARESH SINGH GILL

Present: Mr. Lupil 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 for issuance of a writ in the nature of mandamus directing respondents No.2 to 5 to protect the life and liberty of the petitioners at the hands of respondents No.6 to 8.

Learned counsel for the petitioners states that though petitioner No.2 is major yet not of marriageable age. They have married against the wishes of respondents No.6 to 8 and have sought protection to their life and liberty. They apprehend danger at the hands of respondents No.6 to 8. The certificate evidencing their marriage is on record as Annexure P-3. Petitioner No.1 submitted a representation dated 20.07.2021 (Annexure P-4) to respondent No.3-Senior Superintendent of Police, Fazilka. He relies upon the judgment passed by a Coordinate Bench of this Court in CRWP-4533-2021 titled '**Soniya and another Vs. State of Haryana and others**' **decided on 18.05.2021.**

Notice of motion to respondents No.1 to 5-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 5.

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.3-Senior Superintendent of Police, Fazilka, to decide the representation dated 20.07.2021 (Annexure P-4) moved by petitioner No.1, 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.

26.07.2021

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(HARNARESH SINGH GILL)
JUDGE

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