

In the High Court of Punjab and Haryana at Chandigarh

**CRWP No. 6867 of 2021
Date of Decision: 27.7.2021**

Vishakha Gautam and another

.....Petitioners

Versus

State of Punjab and others

.....Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARNARESH SINGH GILL

Present: Mr. Mukesh K. Sharma, 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 226/227 of the Constitution of India for directing respondents No. 2 and 3 to protect the life and liberty of the petitioners from the hands of respondents No. 4 to 9.

Learned counsel for the petitioners states that both the petitioners are major and have married against the wishes of respondents No. 4 to 9 and have sought protection to their life and liberty. They apprehend danger from respondents No. 4 to 9. Their photographs and marriage certificate evidencing their marriage are on record as Annexure P-3 and Annexure P-4, respectively. Petitioner No. 1 has submitted a representation dated 09.7.2021, Annexure P-5 to Senior Superintendent of Police, S.A.S. Nagar-respondent No. 2.

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

On the asking of the Court, Mr. Avtar Singh Sandhu Addl. A.G., Punjab accepts notice on behalf of the State.

Without entering upon an exercise to evaluate the evidentiary

value of the documents placed on the file, I dispose of the petition with

directions to Senior Superintendent of Police, S.A.S.Nagar-respondent No. 2 to decide the representation of petitioner No. 1, dated 09.7.2021 (Annexure P-5) and grant them protection, 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.

(HARNARESH SINGH GILL)
JUDGE

July 27, 2021
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Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes/No
Whether reportable : Yes/No