

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

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CRWP-7254-2021

Date of Decision : August 04, 2021

AMANDEEP KAUR AND ANOTHER

.....Petitioners

VERSUS

STATE OF PUNJAB AND OTHERS

.....Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE JASGURPREET SINGH PURI

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

Through Video Conferencing

JASGURPREET SINGH PURI. J. (Oral)

The present petition has been filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India with a prayer to protect the life and liberty of the petitioners.

Learned counsel for the petitioners has submitted that both the petitioners are major and of marriageable age. However, petitioner No.1 i.e. girl who is 31 years of age is already married with respondent No.4 but the marriage was performed without the consent of the girl and forcibly by the maternal uncle of petitioner No.1. The relationship between petitioner No.1 and respondent No.4 could not continue and a divorce petition is also pending but the marriage has not been dissolved as yet. He submitted that respondent No.4 used to beat her on every occasion for demand of dowry and, thereafter, the petitioner No.1 started living with petitioner No.2 so as to get proper shelter and livelihood. He further submitted that even a child was also born out with the husband of

petitioner No.1, who is although now under the guardianship of respondent No.4. He submitted that there is an active threat of private respondents to the petitioners because they are objecting to live in relationship of the petitioners *inter-se* and have sought protection. A representation dated 30.7.2021 was also given to the Superintendent of Police, District Sangrur vide Annexure P-2 by way of registered post but no action has been taken.

Notice of motion to respondent Nos. 1, 2 and 3 only.

Mr. Randhir Singh Thind, DAG, Punjab accepts notice of behalf of the aforesaid respondents.

I have heard learned counsel for the petitioners.

The scope of the present petition pertains only to the grant of protection of life and liberty to the petitioners as both of them are major and living out of their own consent. This Court does not wish to go into the *inter-se* relationship between the petitioners as well as between the petitioner No.1 and respondent No.4 because the scope of this petition is only pertaining to the threat of life of the petitioners.

Therefore, it is directed that respondent No.2-Superintendent of Police, Sangrur shall look into the matter and in case so required, then shall ensure the protection of petitioners No.1 and 2 in accordance with law.

It is made clear that this order would not create any impediment for taking any action against the petitioners, if otherwise there is violation of any law by them because the directions issued in the present case are only pertaining to the protection of life of the petitioners

and nothing else.

Let the needful be done by respondent No.2 within two weeks from the date of receipt of a certified copy of this order.

Disposed of.

(JASGURPREET SINGH PURI)
JUDGE

August 04, 2021
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Whether speaking/reasoned.	:	Yes/No
Whether Reportable.	:	Yes/No