

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

**CRWP-7242-2021 (O&M)
Date of decision: 04.08.2021**

Khushi and another

...Petitioners

Versus

State of Punjab and others

...Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARNARESH SINGH GILL

Present:- Mr. Mandeep Kumar Dhot, Advocate for the petitioners.

Mr. H. S. Sitta, AAG Punjab.

Respondent No. 4 in person with
Mr. Ashok Paul Batra, Advocate.

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 of India for issuance of a writ in the nature of mandamus directing respondents No. 2 and 3 to protect the life and liberty of the petitioners at the hands of respondents No. 4 to 7.

Learned counsel for the petitioners states that both the petitioners are major and have married against the wishes of respondents No. 4 to 7 and have sought protection to their life and liberty. They apprehend danger at the hands of respondents No. 4 to 7. The certificate

and photographs evidencing their marriage are on record as Annexures P-3 and P-4, respectively. The petitioners have submitted a representation dated 31.07.2021 (Annexure P-5) to respondent No. 2-Senior Superintendent of Police, Sri Muktsar Sahib.

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

On the asking of this Court, Mr. H. S. Sitta, AAG Punjab, accepts notice on behalf of respondents No. 1 to 3 only.

Without entering upon an exercise to evaluate the evidentiary value of the documents placed on the file, I dispose of the petition with a direction to respondent No. 2- Senior Superintendent of Police, Sri Muktsar Sahib, to decide the representation dated 31.07.2021 (Annexure P-5) of the petitioners 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.

At this stage, learned counsel for respondents No. 4 submits that the parents of petitioner No. 1 want to have an interaction with their daughter, as they have a doubt that petitioner No. 2 might fly to Canada, leaving behind their daughter in India.

Learned counsel for the petitioners does not have any objection to said prayer provided such interaction is allowed only in the premises of Police Station Giddarbaha, District Sri Muktsar Sahib.

Learned State counsel submits that the SHO, Police Station

Giddarbaha, District Sri Muktsar Sahib, will make necessary arrangements for interaction between the parents of petitioner No. 1 and the petitioners at Police Station Giddarbaha, District Sri Muktsar Sahib.

Keeping in view the above, the parents of petitioner No. 1 and the petitioners are directed to appear before the SHO, Police Station Giddarbaha, District Sri Muktsar Sahib, for interaction within one week, as per their convenience.

Concerned SHO is directed to make all necessary arrangements for the same and also to ensure that no untoward incident takes place.

(HARNARESH SINGH GILL)
JUDGE

04.08.2021
Mangal Singh

Whether reasoned/speaking?	Yes/No
Whether reportable?	Yes/No