

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

(111)

CRWP No. 7553 of 2021

Date of Decision : 12.08.2021

Savita Rani and another

...Petitioners

Versus

State of Punjab and others

...Respondents

(through video conferencing)

CORAM: *HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARSIMRAN SINGH SETHI*

Present: Mr. Lupil Gupta, Advocate for the petitioners.

Mr. Sandeep Kumar, Deputy Advocate General, Punjab.

(keeping in view advance copy given)

Harsimran Singh Sethi J. (Oral)

The petitioners are seeking a direction from this Court to respondents No. 1 to 3 to protect their life and liberty as they apprehend danger to their life & liberty from respondents No. 4 to 6 i.e. parents/relatives of petitioner No. 1, who are objecting to the marriage of the petitioners.

Learned counsel for the petitioners submits that both the petitioners are major in age and have marriageable age. Learned counsel for the petitioners submits that as the petitioner No. 1 was apprehending threat to her life and liberty, she had left her house and is only living with the family of petitioner No. 2 but, not only the petitioner No. 1 but even the family of petitioner No. 2 is being harassed by respondents No. 4 to 6.

Learned counsel for the petitioners further submits that the petitioners have

Fazilka raising the said grievance by filing a representation dated 04.08.2021 (Annexure P-3), which is still pending consideration with the said authority and the petitioners will be satisfied, in case a time bound direction is issued to respondent No. 2 to decide the same by passing an appropriate speaking order.

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

Mr. Sandeep Kumar, learned Deputy Advocate General, Punjab, who has joined the proceedings through video conference, keeping in view the service of advance copy of petition, accepts notice on behalf of respondents No.1 to 3. Learned State counsel raises no objection in deciding the representation dated 04.08.2021 (Annexure P-3) in a time bound manner.

Without making any observation on the merits of the case, a direction is issued to respondent No. 2 to take appropriate decision on the representation, which the petitioners alleged to have made on 04.08.2021 (Annexure P-3), expressing apprehension about danger to their life and liberty at the hands of respondents No. 4 to 6 within a period of four weeks from the date of receipt of the copy of this order. In case any merit is found in the representation, the appropriate action will be taken by respondent No. 2 to ensure that no harm is caused to the life and liberty of the petitioners at the hands of the private respondents.

The writ petition stands disposed of.

August 12, 2021
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(HARSIMRAN SINGH SETHI)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes/No
Whether reportable : Yes/No