

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

CRWP NO.7790-2021
Date of Decision: 18.08.2021

SURBHI JAINPetitioners

Versus

STATE OF PUNJAB AND ORS.Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SANT PARKASH

Present : Mr. Mohit Kakkar, Advocate for Mr. Kiranpal Rana, Advocate,
for the petitioners.

SANT PARKASH J.(Oral)

*(The aforesaid presence is being recorded through video conferencing
since the proceedings are being conducted in virtual court)*

The petitioners, who are of the age of 26 and 27 years respectively as per their Aadhar Cards, have approached this Court seeking protection of their life and liberty on the averments that the petitioners performed marriage on 15.08.2021 as per Hindu rites and ceremonies against the wishes of respondents No.4 to 6 and the petitioners are apprehending threat to their life and liberty at their instance.

Notice of motion.

Mr. Sarabjit Singh Cheema, AAG, Punjab accepts notice on behalf of respondents No.1 to 3.

Both the petitioners have appeared on the Whatsapp call and on being questioned by the Court, petitioner No.1 admitted the fact of having solemnized marriage with petitioner No.2 with her own free will and stated that she is happily residing with him.

Learned counsel for the petitioners states that a representation

dated 15.08.2021 (Annexure P-5) was made to the Senior Superintendent of Police, Patiala, Punjab and SHO, Police Station Nabha, Patiala seeking necessary protection but no action has been taken so far in the matter and prays for issuance of direction in this regard.

Learned State Counsel has no objection if appropriate direction for providing requisite protection to the petitioners is given.

Without examining the question of legality and validity of the marriage and expressing any opinion thereon, the petition is disposed of with the directions to respondent No.2-Senior Superintendent of Police, Patiala, Punjab to look into the grievances of the petitioners as set out in the petition and also expressed in the representation (Annexure P-5) and take appropriate action for protection of their life and liberty as may be warranted by the circumstances.

However, it is clarified that in case any criminal case has been/is registered against petitioner No.2, then nothing in this order shall be construed as a bar for taking an appropriate action by the police authorities against him in respect thereof in accordance with law.

Registry is directed to send a copy of this order along with copy of the petition and above-said representation to respondent No.2- Senior Superintendent of Police, Patiala, Punjab for requisite compliance.

**(SANT PARKASH)
JUDGE**

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whether speaking/reasoned: Yes/No
whether reportable: Yes/No