

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

CRWP No.7939 of 2021

Date of Decision:-25.08.2021

Mamta and another

.....Petitioners.

Versus

State of Punjab and others

.....Respondents.

(Heard through Video-Conferencing)

CORAM: HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE MEENAKSHI I. MEHTA

Present:- Mr. Vishva Bahl, Advocate
for the petitioners.

MEENAKSHI I. MEHTA, J.(Oral)

By way of the instant petition, both the petitioners seek the indulgence of this Court for the issuance of a writ in the nature of mandamus directing respondents No.1 to 3 to protect their lives and liberty as they apprehend threat to the same at the hands of respondents No.4 to 7 because they (petitioners) have solemnized their marriage against the wishes of these respondents. It has also been mentioned in this petition that a representation (Annexure P-6) has already been moved to respondent No.2 in this regard.

Ms. Samina Dhir, learned Deputy Advocate General, Punjab, has joined the proceedings on behalf of respondents No.1 to 3 in this case

in pursuance of the copies of this petition having been sent to the respondent-State in advance.

Mr. Rajender Kumar, Advocate, has also joined the proceedings on behalf of respondents No.4 and 5 in this case and has forwarded his power of attorney to this Court through the “*WhatsApp Group for Video-Conferencing*” and the same is taken on the record.

Heard.

Learned counsel for the petitioners restricts his prayer to the issuance of a direction to respondent No.2 to look into and take appropriate action on the said representation of the petitioners, i.e Annexure P-6.

Learned State counsel as well as learned counsel for respondents No.4 and 5 have no objection for the same.

Keeping in view the above-discussed limited prayer as made by learned counsel for the petitioners and without commenting or expressing any opinion on the legality and validity of the marriage as stated to have been solemnized between the petitioners, respondent No.2-Senior Superintendent of Police, Batala Rural, District Gurdaspur, is hereby directed to look into the said representation (Annexure P-6) of the petitioners and if it is found that the petitioners genuinely deserve any protection, then to take appropriate action in accordance with law.

It is further clarified that this order shall not be construed to be a shield to the petitioners against any proceeding/action as already initiated or intended/contemplated to be initiated against them by any competent authority/person on account of their afore-said marriage and permissible

under the relevant provisions of law.

This petition stands disposed of accordingly.

August 25, 2021
Yag Dutt

(MEENAKSHI I. MEHTA)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned: *Yes*

Whether Reportable: *No*