

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

(109)

CRWP-8061-2021

Date of Decision : August 26, 2021

Deepa and another

.. Petitioners

Versus

State of Haryana and others

.. Respondents

(Through Video Conferencing)

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARSIMRAN SINGH SETHI

Present: Ms. Veena Hooda, Advocate, for the petitioners.

Mr. Gaurav Bansal, Assistant Advocate General, Haryana,
for respondents No. 1 to 3.

Mr. Ashok Kumar Sharma, Advocate,
for respondents No. 4 to 6.

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 the petitioner No.1, who are objecting to the marriage solemnized by the petitioners.

Learned counsel for the petitioners argues that it is most likely that the private respondents might cause physical harm to the petitioners as they have solemnized the marriage against the wishes of respondents No. 4 to 6. Learned counsel for the petitioners further argues that both the petitioners are major in age and have solemnized marriage according to Hindu Rites on 16.08.2021 and they want to live their independent life

without any interference from the parents/relatives of the petitioner No.1 i.e. respondents No. 4 to 6. Learned counsel for the petitioners has drawn attention of this Court to the representation dated 19.08.2021 (Annexure P-5) made by the petitioners to respondent No.2-the Senior Superintendent of Police, District Jind seeking protection to their life and liberty.

Notice of motion to the respondents.

Mr. Gaurav Bansal, learned Assistant Advocate General, Haryana, who has joined the proceedings through video conference, keeping in view the service of advance copy of petition, accepts notice on behalf of State of Haryana-respondents No.1 to 3. Mr. Ashok Kumar Sharma, Advocate, who has also joined the proceedings through video conference, keeping in view the service of advance copy of petition, accepts notice on behalf of respondents No. 4 to 6.

Learned counsel for the private respondents submits that respondents No. 4 to 6 are law abiding citizens and have no intention to inflict any bodily harm or restrict in liberty of the petitioners in any manner and assured this Court that the threat as being presented before this Court by the petitioners to their life and liberty is only an apprehension.

Without making any observation on the merits of the case, especially in respect of the validity of marriage performed by the petitioners, a direction is issued to respondent No.2 to take appropriate decision on the representation, which the petitioners alleged to have made on 19.08.2021 (Annexure P-5), expressing apprehension about danger to their life and liberty at the hands of respondents No. 4 to 6 within a period of one month from the date of receipt of the copy of this order. The private respondents are also called before passing of the 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.

It is clarified that this order shall not be treated as an approval of this Court about the marriage of the petitioners and no opinion with regard to the validity of the marriage has been expressed in this order.

The writ petition stands disposed of.

August 26, 2021

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(HARSIMRAN SINGH SETHI)

JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes/No

Whether reportable : Yes/No