

**In the High Court for the States of Punjab and Haryana
At Chandigarh**

CRWP-8078-2021 (O&M)
Date of Decision:-26.8.2021

Harleen Kaur and another ... Petitioners

Versus

State of Punjab and others ... Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE GURVINDER SINGH GILL

Present:- Mr. Fariad Singh Virk, Advocate for the petitioners.

(proceedings conducted through video conferencing)

GURVINDER SINGH GILL, J.(Oral)

1. The petitioners have approached this Court seeking issuance of a direction to official respondents to protect their lives and liberty as they apprehend threat to the same at the hands of private respondents, having married against the wishes of their families.
2. Without commenting as regards the veracity of the averments made in the petition and also as regards the validity of alleged marriage of the petitioners, the petition is disposed of with a direction to respondent No.2-Senior Superintendent of Police, Patiala to look into the matter and to dispose off the representation dated 20.8.2021 (Annexure P-4) in accordance with law.

In case, it is found that there is a genuine threat to the lives and liberty of the

petitioners, then necessary steps warranted under law be taken thereupon at the earliest so as to ensure that no harm is caused to the petitioners.

3. A copy of this order alongwith copy of the representation dated 20.8.2021 (Annexure P-4) be sent to respondent No.2-Senior Superintendent of Police, Patiala so as to enable him to do the needful expeditiously.
4. It is, however, clarified that the aforesaid order shall not be taken to be any expression as regards the validity of marriage of the petitioners and shall not confer any immunity upon the petitioners, in case it is found that they have committed any wrong.
5. At this stage, Mr. Raman Singla, Advocate has put in appearance and has stated that he has been instructed by respondents No.4 to 7 to appear in this case and that he shall file power of attorney on their behalf in the Registry within a period of two days from today.
6. Mr. Raman Singla, Advocate, learned counsel for respondents No.4 to 7 has been submitted that private respondents No.4 to 7 are related to petitioner No.1-Harleen Kaur and that infact petitioner No.1 is barely 18 years old and is not able to think about her welfare. It has further been submitted that petitioner No.2 is involved in several criminal cases and, as such, the alleged matrimonial alliance is likely to cause miseries to petitioner No.1. Learned counsel has further submitted that respondents No.4 to 7 may be permitted to meet petitioner No.1.
7. Having considered the aforesaid submissions and upon finding that petitioner No.1 is major and is of marriageable age, it goes without saying that she can take her own decision as regards solemnization of marriage. The petitioners would, however, be well advised to be on talking terms with respondents

No.4 to 7 atleast over the phone. No further directions is required to be issued.

8. The petition stands disposed off accordingly.

26.8.2021

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(Gurvinder Singh Gill)
Judge

Whether speaking /reasoned Yes / No

Whether Reportable Yes / No