

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT
CHANDIGARH

CRWP-8047-2021

Date of Decision:25.08.2021

Sneh Lata and another

... Petitioners

Versus

State of Punjab and others

... Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARNARESH SINGH GILL

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

HARNARESH SINGH GILL, J.(Oral)

Case is taken up for hearing through video conferencing.

This petition has been filed under Article 226 of the Constitution for issuance of a writ in the nature of mandamus directing respondents No.2 and 3 to protect the life and liberty of the petitioners at the hands of respondents No.4 to 7.

Learned counsel for the petitioners states that the petitioners have married against the wishes of respondents No.4 to 7 and have sought protection to their life and liberty. They apprehend danger at the hands of respondents No.4 to 7. The certificate evidencing their marriage as well as photographs are on record as Annexures P-3 and P-4. Petitioner No.1 submitted a representation dated 21.08.2021 (Annexure P-5) to respondent No.2-Senior Superintendent of Police, Pathankot.

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

On the asking of this Court, Mr. H.S. Sitta, AAG, Punjab, accepts notice on behalf of respondents No.1 to 3.

Without entering upon an exercise to evaluate the evidentiary value of the documents placed on the file, I dispose of the present petition with a direction to respondent No.2-Senior Superintendent of Police, Pathankot, to decide the representation dated 21.08.2021 (Annexure P-5) moved by petitioner No.1, and grant protection to them, if any threat to their life and liberty is perceived.

It is made clear that this order shall not be taken to protect the petitioners from legal action for violation of law, if any, committed by them.

At this stage, Mr. Anupinder Singh Brar, Advocate, appears for respondent No.5 and files his power of attorney, which is taken on record. He states that there is no threat to the petitioners at the hands of private respondents, but the family wants to have an interaction with Sneha Lata-petitioner No.1.

Learned counsel for the petitioners does not have any objection to the said prayer provided such interaction is allowed only in the premises of Police Station Sujjanpur, District Pathankot.

Learned State counsel undertakes that the SHO, Police Station Sujjanpur, District Pathankot, will make necessary arrangements for interaction between respondents No.4 and 5 and the petitioners at Police Station, Sujjanpur, District Pathankot.

In view of the above, respondents No.4 & 5 and the petitioners are directed to appear before the SHO, Police Station Sujjanpur, District Pathankot, for interaction on 02.09.2021.

Concerned SHO is directed to make all necessary arrangements for the same and also to ensure that no untoward incident takes place.

25.08.2021
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(HARNARESH SINGH GILL)
JUDGE

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