

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

Sr. No.116

CRWP No.8253 of 2021

DATE OF DECISION: 01.09.2021

Bandana and another

.....Petitioners

Versus

State of Punjab and others

.....Respondents

(Heard through Video-Conferencing)

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

Present:- Mr. Jaswinder Singh Grewal, 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. 2 & 3 to protect their lives and liberty as they apprehend threat to the same at the hands of respondents No.4 to 6 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-4) has already been moved to respondent Nos.2 and 3 in this regard.

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

Ms. Samina Dhir, learned Deputy Advocate General, Punjab, who 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, accepts the notice on behalf of these respondents.

Heard.

Learned counsel for the petitioners restricts his prayer to the issuance of a direction to respondent No.2 only to look into and take appropriate action on the said representation of the petitioners i.e. Annexure P-4.

Learned State counsel has 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, Fazilka, is hereby directed to look into the said representation (Annexure P-4) of petitioners and if it is found that the petitioners genuinely deserve any protection, then to take appropriate action in accordance with law.

This petition stands disposed of accordingly.

1st September, 2021

Shivani Kaushik

**(MEENAKSHI I. MEHTA)
JUDGE**

Whether speaking/reasoned
Whether reportable

Yes/No
Yes/No