

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

(112)

CRWP No. 8525 of 2021

Date of Decision : 09.09.2021

Manpreet Kaur and another

...Petitioners

Versus

State of Punjab and others

...Respondents

(through video conferencing)

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARSIMRAN SINGH SETHI

Present: Mr. Parvesh Sachdeva, Advocate for the petitioners.

Mr. Sandeep Singh Deol, Deputy Advocate General, Punjab.
(keeping in view advance copy given)

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 private respondents No. 4 to 8, who are objecting to the marriage of the petitioners.

Learned counsel for the petitioners submits that petitioner No. 1 has attained the marriageable age, whereas petitioner No. 2 though major in age but will attain the marriageable age on 15.09.2022. Learned counsel for the petitioners submits that petitioners have solemnized marriage according to Hindu Rites on 03.09.2021 and they want to live their independent life without any interference from the private respondents No. 4 to 8. Learned counsel for the petitioners has drawn attention of this Court to the representation dated 03.09.2021 (Annexure P-5) made by the petitioners to

respondent No.2-Senior Superintendent of Police, District Fazilka seeking protection to their life and liberty.

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

Mr. Sandeep Singh Deol, learned Deputy Advocate General, Punjab, who has joined the proceedings through video conference, keeping in view the service of advance copy of petition, accepts notice on behalf of respondents No.1 to 3. Learned State counsel raises no objection in deciding the representation dated 03.09.2021 (Annexure P-5) in a time bound manner.

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 03.09.2021 (Annexure P-5), expressing apprehension about danger to their life and liberty at the hands of respondents No. 4 to 8 within a period of four weeks from the date of receipt of the copy of this 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.

September 09, 2021
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(HARSIMRAN SINGH SETHI)
JUDGE

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