

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

**CRWP No. 8531 of 2021
Date of decision: 09.09.2021**

Aashima Singla and another

...Petitioners

Versus

State of Punjab and others

...Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ARVIND SINGH SANGWAN

Present:- Mr. Sunny K. Singla, Advocate
for the petitioners.

(Through Video Conferencing)

ARVIND SINGH SANGWAN, J. (Oral)

The petitioners have approached this Court, by way of filing the present petition under Articles 226/227 of the Constitution of India, seeking protection of their life and liberty on the premise that petitioner No.1 has performed marriage with petitioner No.2 against the wishes of her parents and other family members and the petitioners are apprehending threat to their life and liberty at their instance.

Notice of motion.

On asking of the Court, Mr. Joginder Pal Ratra, DAG, Punjab and Mr. Himanshu, Advocate, who are also appearing through video conferencing, accept notice on behalf of the respondents-State and respondent No. 4/father of petitioner No. 1, respectively. Let a complete set of the paperbook be supplied to them during the course of the day on their official Email Id.

Learned counsel for the petitioners has submitted that a representation dated 05.09.2021 (Annexure P-5) was made to the Senior

Superintendent of Police, Patiala seeking necessary protection but no action has been taken so far in the matter.

Learned counsel for respondent No. 4 submits that petitioner No. 1 has just attained the age of 18 years; she is of tender age and she is required to complete her education. It is further submitted that respondent No. 4, who is the father of petitioner No. 1, want to meet petitioner No. 1 to know about her well being as he is apprehending that on account of so called marriage, he or petitioner No. 1 can be blackmailed at a subsequent stage.

Heard.

Be whatsoever, without examining the question of validity or otherwise of marriage of the petitioners, the present petition stands disposed of with a direction to the Senior Superintendent of Police, Patiala to look into the grievance of the petitioners expressed in the representation (Annexure P-5) and take appropriate action, if any, warranted in the circumstances.

The Senior Superintendent of Police, Patiala as well as SHO, Police Station Kotwali, District Nabha are further directed to arrange a meeting of petitioner No.1 with her father/respondent No. 4 in the police station concerned.

It is made clear that in case any FIR is registered against petitioner No.2, it will be open for the police authorities to take action, in accordance with law.

09.09.2021

Waseem Ansari

**(ARVIND SINGH SANGWAN)
JUDGE**

*Whether speaking/reasoned
Whether reportable*

*Yes/No
Yes/No*