

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

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CRWP-9243-2021(O&M)
Date of decision: 27.09.2021

Sonam Kumari and another

.....Petitioners

Versus

UT Chandigarh and others

....Respondents

Coram: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE GURVINDER SINGH GILL

Present: Ms. Jyoti Rani, Advocate, for the petitioners.

(proceedings conducted through video conferencing)

GURVINDER SINGH GILL, J. (Oral)

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, who are parents of petitioner No.1 – Sonam Kumari.

Notice of motion.

At this stage, Mr. Parampreet Singh Paul, APP, has put in appearance on behalf of the UT, Chandigarh and accepts notice.

Without commenting as regards the veracity of the averments made in the petition and also as regards the validity of their alleged marriage, the petition is disposed of with a direction to respondent No.2 i.e. Senior Superintendent of Police, UT, Chandigarh, to look into the matter and to dispose of the representation dated 18.09.2021 (Annexure P-7) 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.

A copy of this order alongwith copy of the representation dated 18.09.2021 (Annexure P-7) be sent to Senior Superintendent of Police, UT, Chandigarh (respondent No.2), so as to enable him to do the needful expeditiously.

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.

27.09.2021

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**(GURVINDER SINGH GILL)
JUDGE**

Whether Speaking/Reasoned : Yes/No
Whether Reportable : Yes/No