

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

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CRWP-10466-2021

Date of Decision : November 03, 2021

SOFIA BHATTI AND ANOTHER

.....Petitioners

VERSUS

STATE OF PUNJAB AND OTHERS

.....Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE JASGURPREET SINGH PURI

Present : Mr. H.P.S.Sidhu, Advocate for the petitioners.

Through Video Conferencing

JASGURPREET SINGH PURI. J. (Oral)

The present petition has been filed under Articles 226/227 of the Constitution of India for issuance of a writ in the nature of mandamus for directing respondents No.1 to 3 to protect the life and liberty of the petitioners from the hands of private respondents No.4 to 6.

The learned counsel for the petitioners has submitted that petitioner No.1 is a unmarried girl of the age of 30 years whereas petitioner No.2 is a man of 34 years of age but he has already married. He submitted that petitioners No.1 and 2 know each other for the last one year and the parents of petitioner No.1 are intending to forcibly marry the petitioner No.1 with some body else against the choice of petitioner No.1 and as a consequence of the same she has taken shelter from petitioner No.2, who also intends to stay with petitioner No.1. He further submitted that although petitioner No.2 is married and no divorce has been granted but the scope of the present petition is confined only to the extent of protection of lives of the petitioners because there is imminent threat at the hands of private respondents in the present case. He submitted that

petitioner No.1 has also given a representation dated 30.10.2021 to the Commissioner of Police, Amritsar vide Annexure P-3 and a Courier receipt of the same is also attached with the petition dated 30.10.2021.

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

Mr. Randhir Singh Thind, DAG, Punjab accepts notice on behalf of the aforesaid respondents and states that since the scope of the present petition is confined only to the protection of the lives of the petitioners, he has no objection in case the appropriate police authorities are directed to consider the representation Annexure P-3 in accordance with law.

I have heard the learned counsels for the parties.

The scope of the present petition pertains only to the extent of protection of lives of the petitioners and it does not reflect anything regarding the inter-se relationship between the petitioners or the relationship between the petitioners and the private respondents. Therefore, at this stage, this Court deems it fit to dispose of the present petition with a direction to the Commissioner of Police, Amritsar to consider the representation Annexure P-3 filed by petitioner No.1 and thereafter in case it is so required to take appropriate action in accordance with law within a period of two weeks from the date of receipt of copy of this order.

Disposed of.

(JASGURPREET SINGH PURI)
JUDGE

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Whether speaking/reasoned.	:	Yes/No
Whether Reportable.	:	Yes/No