

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

(109)

CRWP No. 10620 of 2021
Date of Decision : 11.11.2021

Kritika and another

...Petitioners

Versus

State of Punjab and others

...Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARSIMRAN SINGH SETHI

Present: Mr. Kuldip Singh, 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 7, 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 25.12.2021. Learned counsel for the petitioners submits that despite the above mentioned fact, petitioners have solemnized marriage according to Sikh Rites on 04.11.2021 and they want to live their independent life without any interference from the private respondents No. 4 to 7. Learned counsel for the petitioners has drawn attention of this Court to the representation dated 06.11.2021 (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 is present in Court, 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 06.11.2021 (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 06.11.2021 (Annexure P-5), expressing apprehension about danger to their life and liberty at the hands of respondents No. 4 to 7 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 petition stands disposed of.

November 11, 2021
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(HARSIMRAN SINGH SETHI)
JUDGE

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