

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

Sr. No.110

**CRWP No.11019 of 2021 (O&M)
Date of Decision: 22.11.2021**

Bhawana Sharma and another

... Petitioners

Versus

State of Punjab and others

... Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SANT PARKASH

Present: Mr. Amit Sharma, Advocate for the petitioners.

SANT PARKASH, J. (ORAL)

CRM-W-1416-2021

Prayer in the instant application is for grant of exemption to place on record marriage certificate.

For the reasons mentioned in the application, the same is allowed.

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The petitioners, who are of the age of 18 and 19 years respectively as per their Birth Certificate and Aadhar card, have approached this Court seeking protection of their life and liberty on the averments that the petitioners performed marriage on 18.11.2021 as per Hindu rites and ceremonies against the wishes of respondents No.3 to 8 and the petitioners are apprehending threat to their life and liberty at their instance.

Learned counsel for the petitioners states that a representation dated 17.11.2021 (Annexure P-5) was made to the Commissioner of Police, Ludhiana seeking necessary protection but no action has been taken so far in the matter and prays for issuance of direction in this regard.

Notice of motion.

Mr. Tanvir Joshi, Assistant Advocate General, Punjab accepts notice on behalf of respondents No.1 and 2 and he has no objection if appropriate direction for providing requisite protection to the petitioners is given.

Without examining the question of legality and validity of the marriage and expressing any opinion thereon, the petition is disposed of with the directions to respondent No.2-Commissioner of Police, Ludhiana to look into the grievances of the petitioners as set out in the petition and also expressed in the representation (Annexure P-5) and take appropriate action for protection of their life and liberty as may be warranted by the circumstances.

However, it is clarified that in case any criminal case has been/is registered against petitioner No.2, then nothing in this order shall be construed as a bar for taking an appropriate action by the police authorities against him in respect thereof in accordance with law.

Registry is directed to send a copy of this order along with copy of the petition and above said representation to respondent No.2-Commissioner of Police, Ludhiana for requisite compliance.

**(SANT PARKASH)
JUDGE**

22.11.2021
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Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes/No
Whether reportable : Yes/No