

**In the High Court for the States of Punjab and Haryana
At Chandigarh**

CRWP-12190-2021 (O&M)
Date of Decision:-23.12.2021

Gaganpreet Kaur and another ... Petitioners

Versus

State of Punjab and others ... Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE GURVINDER SINGH GILL

Present:- Mr. A.P. Kaushal, Advocate,
for the petitioners.

(proceedings conducted through video conferencing)

GURVINDER SINGH GILL, J.(Oral)

1. 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.
2. Notice of motion.
3. At this stage, Mr. Harbir Sandhu, AAG, Punjab, upon whom an advance copy of petition had already been served accepts notice on behalf of the respondent-State.
4. Mr. Prince Sarangal, Advocate has put in appearance on behalf of respondents No.4 and 5 and has filed *Vakalatnama*, which is taken on record.

Learned counsel for respondents No.4 and 5 has assured that they do not have any objection to marriage of their daughter i.e. petitioner No.1 Gaganpreet Kaur with petitioner No.2 Karan Singh and have also assured that no harm will be caused to her. Learned counsel for respondents No.4 and 5 has, however, expressed that respondents No.4 and 5 wish to meet their daughter i.e. petitioner No.1-Gaganpreet Kaur.

5. Having heard the learned counsel for the petitioners and without commenting as regards the veracity of the averments made in the petition and also as regards the validity of alleged marriage of the petitioners, the petition is disposed off with a direction to respondent No.2-Senior Superintendent of Police, SAS Nagar, District SAS Nagar to look into the matter and to dispose off the representation dated 20.12.2021 (Annexure P-5) 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.
6. A copy of this order alongwith copy of the representation dated 20.12.2021 (Annexure P-5) be sent to respondent No.2-Senior Superintendent of Police, SAS Nagar, District SAS Nagar so as to enable him to do the needful expeditiously.
7. 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.

8. As far as the request of respondents No.4 and 5 for meeting their daughter is concerned, the said request would not strictly fall within the scope of the present petition. Respondents No.4 and 5 would be at liberty to have recourse to any other remedy as may be available to them.

23.12.2021

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**(Gurvinder Singh Gill)
Judge**

Whether speaking /reasoned Yes / No

Whether Reportable Yes / No