

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT
CHANDIGARH

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CRWP No.993 of 2022
Date of decision : 03.02.2022

Manpreet Kaur and another

.....Petitioners

VERSUS

State of Haryana and others

.....Respondents

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE VINOD S. BHARDWAJ

Present:- Mr.D.S.Nigha, Advocate, for the petitioners.

VINOD S. BHARDWAJ, J. (Oral)

This case has been taken up through Video Conferencing via Webex facility in the light of Pandemic Covid-19 situation and as per instructions.

The petitioners namely Manpreet Kaur and Ajay have approached this Court under Article 226 of the Constitution of India for seeking protection of their life and personal liberty from private respondents No.4 & 5.

The contention of the petitioners is that they are major, aged 22 years and 24 years respectively. In support thereof, copy of the Aadhaar Cards pertaining to the petitioners have been appended. The petitioners further contend that they have performed marriage against the wishes of their parents. The marriage of the petitioners was solemnized on 28.01.2022 at Shri Brahmri Devi Jan Kalyan Sanstha (Regd. No.00616), 222, Mansa Devi Market, Sector-4, Panchkula, according to Hindu rites and rituals. A copy of marriage certificate (Annexure P-3)

issued by the Priest of the said *Sanstha* has also been appended. The petitioners apprehend threat to their lives and claim that there is a constant danger of being implicated in a false case.

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

Pursuant to supply of advance copy, Mr.Ashish Kumar Yadav, Additional Advocate General, Haryana, has appeared and accepted notice on behalf of respondents No.1 to 3.

Learned counsel for the petitioners states that a representation dated 28.01.2022 (Annexure P-5) has also been submitted by the petitioners to the respondent No.2- The Superintendent of Police, District Kaithal.

Learned State counsel 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-The Superintendent of Police, District Kaithal, 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 lives and liberty as may be warranted by the circumstances.

However, it is clarified that in case any criminal case has been/is registered against the petitioners nothing in this order shall be construed as a bar for taking appropriate action by the police authorities in respect thereof in accordance with law.

The Registry is directed to send a copy of this order along

with copy of the petition and above-said representation to respondent
No.2- The Superintendent of Police, District Kaithal, for requisite
compliance.

The petition is disposed of.

(VINOD S. BHARDWAJ)
JUDGE

03.02.2022
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<i>Whether speaking/reasoned :</i>	<i>Yes/No</i>
<i>Whether reportable</i>	<i>Yes/No</i>