

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

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CRWP No.1341 of 2022 (O&M)
DATE OF DECISION : 18.02.2022

Rajni Bala and Another

.....Petitioners

versus

State of Punjab and Others

.....Respondents

CORAM : HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE ALKA SARIN

Present : Ms. Sonia Pama, Advocate for the petitioners

ALKA SARIN, J. (Oral):

Heard in physical mode.

This is a petition under Article 226 of the Constitution of India seeking protection of life and liberty of the petitioners at the hands of respondent Nos.4 and 5.

Learned counsel for the petitioners has submitted that this is the first marriage of both the petitioners and that the petitioners being major have got married against the wishes of their parents and relatives. The copies of the Aadhaar Cards of both the petitioners have been annexed with the petition as Annexures P-1 and P-2. Learned counsel for the petitioners has contended that the petitioners are receiving serious threats and apprehend grave danger to their life and liberty. The petitioners had also sent a representation dated 09.02.2022 (Annexure P-5) to the Senior Superintendent of Police, Fazilka, District Fazilka - respondent No.2 - for providing adequate security. However, no action has been taken till date. The counsel for the petitioners would further contend that she limits her prayer in the present petition and would be satisfied at this stage if directions are issued for deciding the said representation in accordance with law.

Notice of motion.

On the asking of the Court, Ms. Harsimrat Rai, DAG Punjab has joined the session through video conferencing and accepts notice on behalf of respondent Nos.1 to 3. Since the matter is not being decided on merits, the service on other respondents is dispensed with.

Heard learned counsel for the parties.

Without expressing any opinion with regard to the veracity of the contents of the petition and the submissions made by learned counsel for the petitioners, the present petition is disposed off with a direction to the Senior Superintendent of Police, Fazilka, District Fazilka - respondent No.2 - to consider the representation dated 09.02.2022 (Annexure P-5) and take necessary action as per law.

It is, however, made clear that this order shall not, in any manner, be construed as an expression of opinion on the veracity of the statement made by the petitioners or on the validity of the marriage and shall have no effect on any other civil or criminal proceedings, if any, instituted/pending against them.

February 18, 2022
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(ALKA SARIN)
JUDGE

NOTE:

Whether speaking/non-speaking: Speaking
Whether reportable: YES/NO