

**IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB & HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH.**

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CRWP-1854-2022

Date of decision: 03.03.2022

SAHIRA AND ANR.

.....Petitioners

Versus

STATE OF PUNJAB AND ORS.

.....Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SANT PARKASH

Present : Mr. Subhash Kumar, Advocate
for the petitioners.

(Petitioners are present through video conferencing).

SANT PARKASH, J. (ORAL)

(The case has been taken up for hearing through video conferencing.)

The petitioners, who are of the age of 20 and 21 years respectively, as per their Aadhar Cards, have approached this Court seeking protection of their life and liberty on the averments that petitioner No. 1 is major and belongs to Muslim Community. She has also executed her affidavit dated 27.02.2022 (Annexure P-2) with regard to change of her religion from Muslim to Hinduism.

The petitioners performed marriage on 27.02.2022 as per Sikh rites and ceremonies against the wishes of respondents No.4 and 5 and the petitioners are apprehending threat to their life and liberty at their instance.

Learned counsel for the petitioners states that a representation dated 27.02.2022 (Annexure P-7) was made to the Senior Superintendent of Police, Batala, District Gurdaspur 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 restricted to respondents No. 1 to 3 only.

Mr. Dhruv Dyal, Sr. DAG, Punjab accepts notice on behalf of respondents No.1 to 3 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-Senior Superintendent of Police, Batala, District Gurdaspur to look into the grievances of the petitioners as set out in the petition and also expressed in the representation (Annexure P-7) 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-Senior Superintendent of Police, Batala, District Gurdaspur for requisite compliance.

03.03.2022

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**(SANT PARKASH)
JUDGE**

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