

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

CRWP-2313-2022 (O&M)
Date of Decision:- 15.3.2022

Lachhmi @ Shehjadi and another ... Petitioners

Versus

State of Punjab and others ... Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE GURVINDER SINGH GILL

Present:- Mr. Rajiv Kumar Saini, Advocate, for the petitioners.

GURVINDER SINGH GILL, J. (Oral)

The petitioners namely Lachhmi @ Shehjadi aged 24 years and Sarik aged 25 years, 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 respondent having married against the wishes of their families.

It is specifically stated in the petition that petitioner No.1 namely Lachhmi @ Shehjadi, who was previously a Hindu has professed Muslim religion and that she has solemnized marriage with petitioner No.2 on 9.3.2022. It has also been stated that petitioner No.1 was a widow whose husband had expired four years back.

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 of with a direction to respondent No.2 i.e. the Senior Superintendent of Police, SAS Nagar, to look into the matter and to dispose of the representation dated 9.3.2022 (Annexure P-7) 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.

A copy of this order alongwith copy of the representation dated 9.3.2022 be sent to the Senior Superintendent of Police, SAS Nagar (respondent No.2), so as to enable him to do the needful expeditiously.

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.

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(GURVINDER SINGH GILL)
JUDGE

Whether speaking /reasoned Yes / No

Whether Reportable Yes / No