

117 IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT
CHANDIGARH

CRWP No.2441 of 2022(O&M)

Date of Decision:17.03.2022

Harpreet and another

.....Petitioners

Versus

State of U.T. Chandigarh and others

..... Respondents

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

Present: Mr. Amandeep Singh Gulati, Advocate
for the petitioners.

Mr. Shashank Bhandari, APP., UT Chandigarh.

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 Harpreet and Nidhi, have approached this Court under Article 226/227 of the Constitution of India read with Section 482 Cr. P.C., for seeking protection of their life and personal liberty from private respondents No.4 to 6.

The contention of the petitioners is that they are major, aged 27 years and 22 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 14.03.2022 in Mansa Devi Complex, District Panchkula, Haryana, according to Hindu rites and rituals. A copy of marriage certificate (Annexure P-3) 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. Shashank Bhandari,

APP., UT Chandigarh, has appeared and accepted notice on behalf of respondents No.1 to 3.

Learned counsel for the petitioners states that a representation dated 14.03.2022 (Annexure P-4) has also been submitted by the petitioners to the respondent No.2- Senior Superintendent of Police, Chandigarh.

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- Senior Superintendent of Police, Chandigarh, to look into the grievances of the petitioners as set out in the petition and also expressed in the representation (Annexure P-4) 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- Senior Superintendent of Police, Chandigarh, for requisite compliance.

The petition is disposed of.

March 17, 2022

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**[VINOD S. BHARDWAJ]
JUDGE**

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