

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

SR. No.116

CRWP-2598-2022

Date of Decision:23.03.2022

Manju Devi and another

...Petitioners

Versus

State of Punjab and others

...Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SANT PARKASH

Present: Mr. S.K. Choudhary, Advocate,
for the petitioners.

(Petitioners are present through VC)

[The aforesaid presence is being recorded through video conferencing since the proceedings are being conducted in virtual court.]

SANT PARKASH, J.

The petitioners, who are of the age of about 20 and 26 years respectively as per their Aadhar Cards, have approached this Court seeking protection of their life and liberty on the averments that the petitioners performed marriage on 20.03.2022 as per Hindu rites and ceremonies against the wishes of respondents No.5 to 9 and the petitioners are apprehending threat to their life and liberty at their instance.

Learned counsel for the petitioners states that a representation dated 20.03.2022 (Annexure P-5) was made to the Senior Superintendent of Police, Pathankot, 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 at this stage.

On the asking of Court, Mr. V.G. Jauhar, Sr. DAG, Punjab, accepts notice on behalf of respondents No.1 to 3 and submits that 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, Pathankot, 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 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, Pathankot, for requisite compliance.

23.03.2022
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(SANT PARKASH)
JUDGE

Whether Speaking/Reasoned: YES / NO

Whether Reportable: YES / NO