

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

CRWP-2754-2022 (O&M)
Date of Decision:- 28.3.2022

Khushbu Kumari and another ... Petitioners

Versus

State of Punjab and others ... Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE GURVINDER SINGH GILL

Present:- Mr. Vishnu Dutt, Advocate, for the petitioners.

GURVINDER SINGH GILL, J. (Oral)

The petitioners namely Khushbu Kumari aged 23 years and James aged 29 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.

While petitioner No.1 has not stated anything as regards her religion, the marriage has been solemnized as per the Christian Rites and ceremonies.

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 Commissioner of Police, Jalandhar, to look into the matter and

to dispose of the representation dated 24.3.2022 (Annexure P-6) 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 24.3.2022 be sent to the Commissioner of Police, Jalandhar (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.

28.3.2022

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(GURVINDER SINGH GILL)
JUDGE

Whether speaking /reasoned

Yes / No

Whether Reportable

Yes / No