

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

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CRWP-2802-2022

Date of Decision: 29th March, 2022

SOFIA SOOD AND ANR.

... Petitioners

Versus

STATE OF HARYANA AND OTHERS

... Respondents

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

Present: Mr. Shubham Aggarwal, Advocate for the petitioners.

Mr. Ashish Yadav, Addl. A.G., Haryana.

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VINOD S. BHARDWAJ, J. (ORAL)

The petitioners namely Sofia Sood and Gaurav have approached this Court under Article 226 of the Constitution of India for seeking protection of their life and personal liberty from private respondents No.4 and 5.

The contention of the petitioners is that they are major, aged 23 years and 24 years respectively. In support thereof, copy of the Aadhar 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 24.03.2022 at Prachin Pashupati Nath Shiv Mandir (Regd.), Panchkula, Haryana according to Hindu rites and ceremonies. A copy of marriage certificate (Annexure P-4) 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 Nos.1 to 3 only.

Pursuant to supply of advance copy, Mr. Ashish Yadav, Addl.

A.G., Haryana has appeared and accepted notice on behalf of respondents

Nos.1 to 3.

Learned counsel for the petitioners states that a representation dated 23.03.2022 (Annexure P-5) has also been submitted by the petitioners to the respondent No.2 - Superintendent of Police, Ambala.

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 - Superintendent of Police, Ambala to look into the grievances of the petitioners as set out in the petition and also expressed in the representation at Annexure P-5 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- Superintendent of Police, Ambala for requisite compliance.

The petition is disposed of.

(VINOD S. BHARDWAJ)
JUDGE

29.03.2022.
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Whether speaking/reasoned : **Yes/No**
Whether reportable : **Yes/No**