

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

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CRWP-2910-2022

Date of Decision: 31st March, 2022

AMANDEEP KAUR AND ANR

... Petitioners

Versus

STATE OF PUNJAB AND ORS

... Respondents

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

Present: Mr. Kanav Bansal, Advocate for the petitioners.
Ms. A.K. Khurana, DAG, Punjab.
Mr. R.K. Arya, Advocate for respondents No.4 to 8.

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VINOD S. BHARDWAJ, J. (ORAL)

The petitioners namely Amandeep Kaur and Baljit Singh 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 to 8.

The contention of the petitioners is that they are major, aged 25 years and 28 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 28.03.2022 at Gurudwara Guru Nanak Niwas Sahib, Village Karor Kalan, Tehsil Kharar, District Mohali according to sikh rites and ceremonies. 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.

Pursuant to supply of advance copy, Ms. A.K. Khurana, DAG, Punjab appears and accepts notice on behalf of respondent Nos.1 to 3.

Mr. R.K. Arya, Advocate appears and files his power of attorney on behalf of respondents No.4 to 8. He has submitted that the petitioner No.2 has made a wrong declaration in the petition about his marriage being the first marriage, whereas he is already married to one

Manjeet Kaur. However, he could not dispute the fact that even if this averment is to be examined at this stage, the same itself would not disentitle the petitioners to claim protection to their life.

Learned counsel for the petitioners states that a representation dated 28.03.2022 (Annexure P-5) has also been submitted by the petitioners to the respondent No.2-Senior Superintendent of Police, Amritsar Rural.

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, Amritsar Rural to look into the grievances of the petitioners as set out in the petition and also expressed in the representation dated 28.03.2022 (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-Senior Superintendent of Police, Amritsar Rural for requisite compliance.

The petition is disposed of.

(VINOD S. BHARDWAJ)
JUDGE

31.03.2022.
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Whether speaking/reasoned : **Yes/No**

Whether reportable : **Yes/No**