

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT
CHANDIGARH

CRWP-6571-2022

Date of Decision: 11.07.2022

Hanideep and another

....Petitioner(s)

Versus

State of Punjab and others

.....Respondent(s)

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE JASGURPREET SINGH PURI

Present: Mr. Parvesh Sachdeva, Advocate, for the petitioners.

JASGURPREET SINGH PURI, J. (Oral)

The present petition has been filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India, seeking issuance of appropriate directions to respondent Nos.2 and 3 to protect the life and liberty of the petitioners from respondent Nos.4 to 17.

Learned counsel for the petitioners has submitted that both the petitioners are 19 years of age and they have solemnized marriage with each other with their own free consent and since the marriage is not acceptable to private respondents, they are apprehending imminent threat from the private respondents. He has also relied upon judgment of the Hon'ble Supreme Court in *Hardev Singh Vs Harpreet Kaur & Ors. 2020 (1) RCR (Criminal), 238*, that 19 years old boy can marry. The scope of the present petition is confined only to the grant of protection of life of the petitioners and does not pertain to the validity of marriage, irrespective of the age of

any of the parties. He further submitted that the petitioners have filed submitted a representation dated 06.07.2022 (Annexure P-5) to the Senior Superintendent of Police, Fazilka but no action has been taken.

Notice of motion to respondent Nos.1, 2 and 3 only.

Mr. Davinder Bir Singh, learned Deputy Advocate General, Punjab accepts notice on behalf of the aforesaid respondents.

In view of the facts and circumstances of the present case since the petitioners are facing imminent threat from the private respondents, it is directed that respondent No.2 - Senior Superintendent of Police, Fazilka, District Fazilka, shall look into the representation dated 06.07.2022 Annexure P-5 filed by the petitioners and assess the threat perception of the petitioners and thereafter, if so required, take appropriate steps for ensuring the protection of life of the petitioners in accordance with law.

Disposed of accordingly.

11.07.2022

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**(JASGURPREET SINGH PURI)
JUDGE**

Whether speaking	:	Yes/No
Whether reportable	:	Yes/No