

In the High Court of Punjab and Haryana at Chandigarh

**CRWP No. 6572 of 2022
Date of Decision: 11.7.2022**

Priya Rani and another

.....Petitioners

Versus

State of Punjab and others

.....Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SURESHWAR THAKUR

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

Mr. Harpreet Singh Multani, AAG, Punjab.

Mr. Tarun Sharma, Advocate
for respondents No. 5 and 6.

SURESHWAR THAKUR, J. (ORAL)

1. The present petition has been filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India for issuance of a writ in the nature of mandamus hence directing respondents No. 2 to 4 to give protection to the life and liberty of the petitioners, and also against any interference in the peaceful life of the petitioners being made at the behest of the private respondents.

2. The learned State Counsel, does not have any objection, to an order being made by this Court to the respondents concerned, to look into and decide through a speaking order, representation Annexure P-5.

3. Consequently, this Court directs the respondents concerned, to within three weeks hereafter, hence decide Annexure P-5, through a speaking order.

4. At this stage, the parents of co-petitioner No. 1 Priya Rani, have appeared in person, before this Court, and, do not contest the fact that co-petitioner No. 1 has acquired the age of discretion. However, they

expressed a desire before this Court, that they may be permitted to access

co-petitioner No. 1.

5. The above prayer cannot be rejected, as it is the natural desire of the parents to access their married daughter rather for inquiring into her well being, and, happiness. However, it is stated by the parents of co-petitioner No. 1 that they are completely unaware about the whereabouts of their daughter, and, obviously this Court cannot make any direction, upon the respondents concerned, to facilitate theirs accessing their daughter, arrayed as co-petitioner No. 1, in the instant petition. Even no direction can be passed by this Court, upon the official respondents concerned, to cause the production of co-petitioner No. 1 before this Court, as she is a major, and, has exercised a valid discretion to enter into a wedlock with co-petitioner No. 2.

6. Nonetheless, for ensuring that the parents of co-petitioner No. 1 are permitted to access their daughter, rather for knowing about her well being, and, happiness, in the marital company of co-petitioner No. 2, thereupon the learned counsel for the petitioners, is directed to ensure that he arranges a meeting of co-petitioner No. 1 with her parents, at the Mediation and Conciliation Centre, in the Courts at Fazilka.

7. The afore be done on 15.7.2022, at 11.00. A.M.

8. Petition is disposed of.

9. A copy of this order be given dasti on payment of usual charges.

(SURESHWAR THAKUR)
JUDGE

July 11, 2022
Gurpreet

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