

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

CRWP-6816-2022 (O&M)

Date of decision: 18.07.2022

Manpreet Kaur and another

...Petitioners

Versus

State of Punjab and others

...Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARNARESH SINGH GILL

Present:- Mr. Amandeep Chhabra, Advocate for the petitioners.

HARNARESH SINGH GILL, J. (ORAL)

This petition has been filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India for issuance of a writ in the nature of mandamus directing respondent Nos.2 and 3 to protect the life and liberty of the petitioners at the hands of respondent Nos.4 to 9.

Learned counsel for the petitioners submits that both the petitioners are major and have married against the wishes of respondents No.4 to 9 and have sought protection to their life and liberty. They apprehend danger at the hands of respondents No.4 to 9. The certificate evidencing their marriage is on record as Annexures P-3. The petitioners have submitted a representation dated 13.07.2022 (Annexure P-4) to respondent No. 2-Senior Superintendent of Police, Sri Muktsar Sahib.

Notice of motion to respondent Nos. 1 to 3 only.

On the asking of this Court, Mr. Ajay Pal Singh Gill, DAG

Punjab, accepts notice on behalf of respondent Nos.1 to 3 only.

Without entering upon an exercise to evaluate the evidentiary value of the documents placed on the file, I dispose of the petition with a direction to respondent No. 2- Senior Superintendent of Police, Sri Muktsar Sahib, to decide the representation dated 13.07.2022 (Annexure P-4) of the petitioners and grant protection to them, if any threat to their life and liberty is perceived.

It is made clear that this order shall not be taken to protect the petitioners from legal action for violation of law, if any, committed by them.

At this stage, Mr. Kapil Khanna, Advocate appears and files vakalatnama on behalf of respondent Nos. 4 and 5, and submits that respondent Nos. 4 and 5 are the father and mother of petitioner No. 1 respectively, and wants to have an interaction with the petitioners for giving blessings.

Learned counsel for the petitioners does not have any objection to said prayer provided such interaction is allowed only in the premises of Police Station Lakhewali, District Sri Muktsar Sahib.

Learned State counsel submits that the SHO, Police Station Lakhewali, District Sri Muktsar Sahib, will make necessary arrangements for interaction between the parents of petitioner No. 1 i.e. respondent Nos. 4 and 5, and the petitioners at Police Station Lakhewali, District Sri Muktsar Sahib.

Keeping in view the above, the parents of petitioner No. 1 and

respondents Nos. 4 and 5, are directed to appear before the SHO, Police Station Lakhewali, District Sri Muktsar Sahib, for interaction on 26.07.2022.

Concerned SHO is directed to make all necessary arrangements for the same and also to ensure that no untoward incident takes place.

18.07.2022
parveen kumar

(HARNARESH SINGH GILL)
JUDGE

Whether reasoned/speaking?	Yes/No
Whether reportable?	Yes/No