

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

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CRWP-6976-2022

Date of Decision:21.07.2022

Mankirat Saluja and another

.....Petitioners

Versus

State of Punjab and others

.....Respondents

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

Present: Mr. Dhanvinder Singh Nigha, Advocate,
for the petitioners.

Ms. Amarjit Kaur Khurana, D.A.G., Punjab.

VINOD S. BHARDWAJ , J.(Oral)

The petitioners namely Mankirat Saluja and Rohit Choudhary 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 both are major, aged 19 years and 21 years respectively. In support thereof, copies of Aadhar Cards pertaining to the petitioners (Annexures P-1 & P-2) 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 18.07.2022 at Shri Brahmri Devi Jan Kalyan Sanstha, MDC, Sector 4, Panchkula according to Hindu rites and ceremonies. A copy of marriage certificate (Annexure P-3) issued by the aforesaid Society 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 No.1 to 3 only.

Pursuant to supply of advance copy, Ms. Amarjit Kaur Khurana, D.A.G., Punjab, has appeared and accepted notice on behalf of

respondents No.1 to 3.

Learned counsel for the petitioners states that a representation dated 18.07.2022 (Annexure P-5) has also been submitted by the petitioners to respondent No.2-Senior Superintendent of Police, District Patiala.

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 present petition is disposed of with the directions to respondent No. 2 – Senior Superintendent of Police, District Patiala to look into the grievances of the petitioners as set out in the petition and also expressed in the representation (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, District Patiala for requisite compliance.

The petition is disposed of.

July 21, 2022
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(VINOD S. BHARDWAJ)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned: Yes/No

Whether Reportable: Yes/No