

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

**CRWP No.7062 of 2022
Date of Decision: 25.07.2022**

Reena Rani and another

.....Petitioners.

Versus

State of Punjab and others

.....Respondents.

CORAM: *HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE MEENAKSHI I. MEHTA*

Present:- Mr. Saurav Bhatia, Advocate
 for the petitioners.

MEENAKSHI I. MEHTA, J.(Oral)

By way of the instant petition, both the petitioners seek the indulgence of this Court for the issuance of a writ in the nature of mandamus directing respondents No.1 to 3 to protect their lives and liberty as they apprehend threat to the same at the hands of respondents No.4 to 7 because they (petitioners) have solemnized their marriage against the wishes of these respondents. It has also been mentioned in this petition that a representation (Annexure P-6) has already been moved to respondents No.2 and 3 in this regard.

Mr. Sandeep Singh Deol, learned Deputy Advocate General, Punjab, has appeared on behalf of respondents No.1 to 3 in this case in pursuance of the copies of the instant petition having been sent to the respondent-State in advance.

Heard.

Learned counsel for the petitioners restricts his prayer to the issuance of a direction to respondent No.2 to look into and take appropriate action on the said representation of the petitioners, i.e Annexure P-6.

Learned State counsel has no objection for the same.

However, it is worth-while to mention here that in Para No.08 of the petition, it has categorically been averred that petitioner No.1 is a divorcee and Annexure P-7 (colly) are the copies of the judgment and the decree passed by the concerned Family Court regarding the dissolution of her first marriage with one Raj Kumar.

Be that as it may, keeping in view the intent of the fundamental right enshrined in Article 21 of the Constitution of India which ensures the protection of life and liberty to the citizens as well as the above-discussed limited prayer as made by learned counsel for the petitioners and without commenting or expressing any opinion on the legality and validity of the said marriage as stated to have been solemnized between the petitioners, respondent No.2-Senior Superintendent of Police, District Shaheed Bhagat Singh Nagar, is hereby directed to look into the said representation of the petitioners (Annexure P-6) and if it is found that the petitioners genuinely deserve any protection, then to take appropriate action in accordance with law.

It is further clarified that this order shall not be construed to be a shield to the petitioners against any proceedings/action already initiated or

intended/contemplated to be initiated against them by any competent authority/person on account of their afore-said marriage and permissible under the relevant provisions of law.

This petition stands disposed of accordingly.

July 25, 2022
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(MEENAKSHI I. MEHTA)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned: *Yes*

Whether Reportable: *No*