

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

CRWP No. 7182 of 2022

Date of Decision: 27th July, 2022

Parul Sood and another

... Petitioners

Versus

State of U.T., Chandigarh and others

... Respondents

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE AVNEESH JHINGAN

Present : Mr. Aruz Khan, Advocate for the petitioners.
Mr. Shashank Bhandari, Addl. PP for UT, Chandigarh.

AVNEESH JHINGAN , J.(Oral)

This is a petition seeking directions to the official respondents to protect the life and liberty of the petitioners from the hands of respondent No. 4 (arrayed in the petition).

As per the pleadings, the petitioners have solemnised marriage against the wishes of respondent No. 4.

It is forthcoming that the representation was sent through courier on 25.7.2022 and without waiting for the representation to reach the concerned quarter, the present petition was drafted and filed on 25.7.2022.

It is a case of mis-use of process of law. The U.T. Administration has provided forums of help-line numbers, portal and websites as noted in the order passed in CRWP No. 2428 of 2021. Instead of availing said facilities, the representation was sent through courier to ensure filing of this petition before the action could be taken by the police authorities.

Learned counsel for U.T., Chandigarh appearing on advance notice on instructions from ASI-Naresh Kumar submits that the representation has not been received till date. He contends as advance copy of the petition was served, the police party went on the given address in the petition for assessing the threat perception, they were informed by the landlord that the petitioners have gone for honeymoon and are not

available.

A specific query was asked from learned counsel for the petitioners as to whether he is aware of the forums provided by U.T., Chandigarh for the couples seeking protection, he is not denying the fact. In spite of that, the representation was sent through courier and petition was drafted and filed on the same day.

In para No. 4 of the writ petition, it is pleaded that the petitioners went to the office of Senior Superintendent of Police, but neither there is any such information with counsel for Chandigarh nor learned counsel for the petitioners is able to substantiate the said pleading.

Considering the facts and circumstances in totality and the conduct of the petitioners, the petition is dismissed with cost of Rs.10,000/- to be deposited with Poor Patient Welfare Fund, PGIMER, Chandigarh.

Needless to say that the petitioners would be at liberty to pursue the representation.

(AVNEESH JHINGAN)
JUDGE

27th July, 2022

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Whether reasoned/speaking
Whether reportable

Yes
No