

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT
CHANDIGARH

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CRWP-7325-2022

Date of Decision: 01.08.2022

Sunil Kumar & Anr.

.....*Petitioners*

V/s.

State of Haryana & Ors.

.....*Respondents*

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

Present: Mr. Amit Kashyap, Advocate for the petitioner

VINOD S. BHARDWAJ, J. (Oral)

The petitioners namely Sunil Kumar and Poonam have approached this Court under Article 226 of the Constitution of India for seeking protection of their lives and personal liberty from private respondent.

The contention of the petitioners is that both are major, aged 32 years and 5 months and 27 years respectively. In support thereof, copy of the Aadhaar Cards pertaining to the petitioners 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 25.07.2022 as per Hindu rites and customs. A copy of Marriage photograph (Annexure P3) 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, Mr. Ashish Yadav, Addl. AG Haryana has appeared and accepted notice on behalf of respondents No.1 to 3.

Learned counsel for the petitioners states that a representation dated 26.07.2022 (Annexure P4) has also been submitted by the petitioners to the respondent No.2 - Commissioner of Police, Panchkula.

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 petition is disposed of with the directions to respondent No.2 - Commissioner of Police, Panchkula to look into the grievances of the petitioners as set out in the petition and also expressed in the representation (Annexure P4) 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 - Commissioner of Police, Panchkula for requisite compliance.

The petition is disposed of.

01.08.2022
V.Vishal

(Vinod S. Bhardwaj)
Judge

<i>Whether speaking / reasoned</i>	:	<i>Yes /No.</i>
<i>Whether Reportable</i>	:	<i>Yes/No</i>