

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

CRWP No. 7466 of 2022

Date of Decision: 04.08.2022

Jyoti Rani and another

.....Petitioners

Versus

State of Punjab and others

.....Respondents

BEFORE: HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE MEENAKSHI I. MEHTA

Present:- Mr. Ravi Malik, 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.2 and 3 to protect their lives and liberty as they apprehend threat to the same at the hands of respondents No.4 to 8 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-5) has already been moved to respondent No.2 in this regard.

Notice of motion to respondents No.1 to 3 only.

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

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 petitioner No.1, i.e. Annexure P-5.

Learned State counsel has no objection for the same.

Keeping in view 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 marriage as stated to have been solemnized between the petitioners, respondent No.2-Senior Superintendent of Police, Patiala, Punjab, is hereby directed to look into the said representation (Annexure P-5) of petitioner No.1 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.

(MEENAKSHI I. MEHTA)
JUDGE

August 04, 2022
pooja

Whether speaking/reasoned: *Yes*

Whether Reportable: *No*