

**In the High Court for the States of Punjab and Haryana
At Chandigarh**

CRWP-7549-2022 (O&M)
Date of Decision:-8.8.2022

Manpreet Kaur and another ... Petitioners

Versus

State of Punjab and others ... Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE GURVINDER SINGH GILL

Present:- Mr. Vishal Sharma Haritwal, Advocate for the petitioners.

GURVINDER SINGH GILL, J. (Oral)

1. The petitioners have approached this Court seeking issuance of a direction to official respondents to protect their lives and liberty as they apprehend threat to the same at the hands of private respondents, having married against the wishes of their families.
2. Notice of motion.
3. At this stage, Mr. Harpreet S. Multani, AAG, Punjab, upon whom an advance copy of petition had already been served, accepts notice on behalf of the respondent-State.
4. Ms. Priyanka, Advocate for Mr. Rampal Kaushik, Advocate has put in appearance on behalf of respondents No.4 and 5 and has filed *Vakalatnama*, which is taken on record.
5. Without commenting as regards the veracity of the averments made in the petition and also as regards the validity of alleged marriage of the petitioners,

the petition is disposed of with a direction to respondent No.2-Senior Superintendent of Police, Patiala, District Patiala to look into the matter and to dispose off the representation dated 4.8.2022 (Annexure P-5) in accordance with law. In case, it is found that there is a genuine threat to the lives and liberty of the petitioners, then necessary steps warranted under law be taken thereupon at the earliest so as to ensure that no harm is caused to the petitioners.

6. Respondents No.4 and 5, who are duly represented by Ms. Priynaka, Advocate for Mr. Rampal Kaushik, Advocate, are specifically directed to ensure that they do not take law into their hands.
7. A copy of this order alongwith copy of the representation dated 4.8.2022 (Annexure P-5) be sent to respondent No.2-Senior Superintendent of Police, Patiala, District Patiala so as to enable him to do the needful expeditiously.
8. It is, however, clarified that the aforesaid order shall not be taken to be any expression as regards the validity of marriage of the petitioners and shall not confer any immunity upon the petitioners, in case it is found that they have committed any wrong.

8.8.2022

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**(Gurvinder Singh Gill)
Judge**

Whether speaking /reasoned

Yes / No

Whether Reportable

Yes / No