

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

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**CRWP-7814-2022
Date of decision :18.08.2022**

Bakhshish Kaur & another

.....Petitioners

VERSUS

State of Punjab & Others

.....Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SANJAY VASHISTH

Present:- Mr. N. P. Chandel, Advocate, for the petitioners.

SANJAY VASHISTH, J. (Oral)

Prayer in the instant petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India, is for issuance of directions to respondents No.1 to 3, to provide protection of life and liberty to the petitioners, who have married against the wishes of private respondents No.4 & 5.

2. Learned counsel for the petitioners submits that Petitioner No.1 – Bakshish Kaur, aged 18 ½ years and petitioner No.2 – Manpreet Singh, aged 29 years, have got married on 12.08.2022, against the wishes of their family members, arrayed as respondents No.4 & 5. It has been further submitted that the private respondents are threatening to interfere in the marital life of the petitioners. Hence, they are seeking protection in that regard and have approached this Court by way of filing the instant petition.

3. In the context of threat perception at the hands of private respondents No.4 & 5, petitioners have allegedly moved representation dated 13.08.2022 (Annexure P-4) to the Senior Superintendent of Police, Patiala, Punjab (respondent No.2), wherein, all the apprehension to their lives has been expressed.

3. Notice of motion.
4. On the asking of the Court, Mr. Bhupinder Beniwal, AAG, Punjab, accepts notice on behalf of respondents No.1 to 3 (State).
5. In view of the above, the present petition is disposed of with a direction to respondent No.2 – Superintendent of Police, Patiala, Punjab, to look into the representation dated 13.08.2022 (Annexure P-4) *qua* threat perception, if any, and take necessary steps, if any required, in accordance with law, to ensure that the life and liberty of the petitioners is not jeopardized at the hands of the private respondents. However, this direction will not validate the marriage said to have taken place between the parties and will have no effect on any civil or criminal action, which could be initiated in the matter in accordance with law.

August 18, 2022
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(SANJAY VASHISTH)
JUDGE

<i>Whether speaking/reasoned :</i>	<i>Yes/No</i>
<i>Whether reportable</i>	<i>Yes/No</i>