

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

CRWP-8119-2022

Date of Decision: August 26, 2022

Seema Rani and another

...Petitioners

Versus

State of Punjab and others

...Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SANJAY VASHISTH

Present: Mr. Kushagra Beniwal, Advocate,
for the petitioners.

Mr. J.S. Arora, DAG, Punjab,
for respondent Nos. 1 and 2.

Mr. D.S. Nigha, Advocate,
for respondent Nos. 3 and 4.

SANJAY VASHISTH, J.

1. Prayer in the instant petition, filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India, is for issuance of directions to respondent No. 2, to provide protection of life and liberty to the petitioners, who have married against the wishes of private respondent Nos. 3 and 4 and other family members.

2. Learned counsel for the petitioners submits that Petitioner No.1 – Seema Rani, aged about 30 years and petitioner No.2 – Sunny, aged about 27 years, have got married on 23.08.2022, against the wishes of their family members, arrayed as respondent Nos. 3 and 4. It has been further submitted that the private respondents are threatening and trying 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. Notice of motion.

4. On the asking of the Court, Mr. J.S. Arora, Deputy Advocate General, Punjab, who is present in the Court, accepts notice on behalf of respondent Nos. 1 and 2 (State).

5. In view of the above, the present petition is disposed of with a direction to respondent No. 2 – Senior Superintendent of Police, Patiala, to look into the representation dated 24.08.2022 (Annexure P-5) *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.

(SANJAY VASHISTH)
JUDGE

August 26, 2022

Pk Kapoor

Whether Speaking/Reasoned: **YES/NO**

Whether Reportable: **YES/NO**