

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

CRWP-8321-2022

Date of Decision: August 31, 2022

Preeti Kaur and another

...Petitioners

Versus

State of Punjab and others

...Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SANJAY VASHISTH

Present: Mr. B.S. Bali, Advocate,
for the petitioners.

Mr. J.S. Arora, DAG, Punjab.

SANJAY VASHISTH, J.

1. Prayer in the instant petition, filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India, is for issuance of directions to respondents Nos. 2 and 3, to provide protection of life and liberty to the petitioners, who have married against wishes of private respondent Nos. 4 to 7.

2. Learned counsel for the petitioners submits that Petitioner No.1 – Preeti Kaur, aged about 20 years and petitioner No.2 – Akashdeep Singh, aged about 22 years, have got married on 26.08.2022, against wishes of their family members, arrayed as respondent Nos. 4 to 7. It has been further submitted that 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 to 3 (State).

5. In view of the above, present petition is disposed of with a direction to respondent No. 2 – Senior Superintendent of Police, Moga, to look into the representation dated 27.08.2022 (Annexure P-5), *qua* threat perception, if any, and take necessary steps, if any required, in accordance with law, to ensure that life and liberty of the petitioners is not jeopardized at the hands of private respondents. However, this direction will not validate the marriage said to have taken place between petitioner Nos. 1 and 2 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 31, 2022

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

Whether Reportable: **YES/NO**