

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

CRWP-8902-2022

DATE OF DECISION: 15.09.2022

SIMRANJEET KAUR AND ANOTHER

...PETITIONERS

Versus

STATE OF PUNJAB AND OTHERS

...RESPONDENTS

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SANDEEP MOUDGIL

Present: Mr. S.S. Kainth, Advocate for
Mr. Mandeep Singh, Advocate
for the petitioners.

SANDEEP MOUDGIL, J.(ORAL)

Learned counsel for the petitioners seeks protection of life and liberty of the petitioners by contending that both of them having attained the age of majority, have married each other against the wishes of their respective family members respondent Nos.4 to 7 and to seek appropriate protection from the authorities. They submitted a representation dated 12.09.2022 (Annexure P-5) in this regard to the Senior Superintendent of Police, District Patiala, but are still apprehensive about their security in view of the apparent inaction and alleged clout of their family members-respondents.

Notice of motion.

On the asking of the Court, Mr. Rajiv Verma, DAG, Punjab accepts notice on behalf of respondents No.1 to 3, whereas, Mr. Vikramjeet Singh, Advocate has put in appearance on behalf of respondents No.4 to 7 and has filed Power of Attorney, which is taken on record. A copy of the paper-book be handed over to them during the course of the day.

During the course of hearing, the private respondents made a request through their counsel before this Court that they are willing to meet petitioner No.1. Acceding to their request, respondents No.4 and 5 (parents of petitioner No.1) along with petitioner No.1 are allowed to sit in the chamber and they talked comfortably with each other. Respondents No.4 and 5 (parents of petitioner No.1) stated that they have no objection to the said marriage and also gave assurance that there is no such threat advanced by them and will not ever interfere in the married life of petitioner No.1 in any manner.

Looking into the totality and keeping in view the facts and circumstances as discussed hereinabove, nothing survives in the present petition. However, a direction is issued to the Senior Superintendent of Police, District Patiala to look into the representation dated 12.09.2022 (Annexure P-5), of the petitioners and take appropriate steps to ensure that no harm is caused to the life and liberty of the petitioners.

It is nevertheless clarified that this order is issued only on the premise that the petitioners have crossed the age of majority as seen from the documents placed on record being their Aadhar Cards as Annexures P-6 and P-7. This would not *ipso facto* amount to granting any seal of approval on the legality of their marriage which essentially would come in the domain of the concerned Matrimonial Courts. Further, they would not be entitled for any protection against their arrest or continuance of any criminal proceedings, if otherwise, found to be involved in commission of any cognizable offence(s).

The petition is disposed of with the above direction.

15.09.2022

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(SANDEEP MOUDGIL)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned *Yes/No*

Whether reportable *Yes/No*