

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT
CHANDIGARH

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CRWP No.12320 of 2021
Date of decision : 10.02.2022

Harpreet Singh and Another

.....Petitioners

VERSUS

State of Punjab and others

.....Respondents

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE VINOD S. BHARDWAJ

Present:- Ms. Nisha Rana, Advocate, for the petitioners.

Mr. Arun Kaundal, DAG, Punjab.

Ms. Hasan Kaur, Advocate, for
respondents No. 5, 6 and 9.

VINOD S. BHARDWAJ, J. (Oral)

This case has been taken up through Video Conferencing via Webex facility in the light of Pandemic Covid-19 situation and as per instructions.

The instant petition seeking directions to the respondents on behalf of the petitioners came up for hearing on 30.12.2021 and the following order was passed:-

“ *Learned counsel for the petitioners submits that the petitioners are major and have solemnized marriage on 27.12.2021 out of their own free will and volition but against the wishes of respondents no.5 to 9, therefore, they apprehend danger to their life and liberty.*

Notice of motion.

Mr. Amit Mehta, Senior DAG, Punjab, accepts notice on behalf of respondents no.1 to 4. At this stage, Mr. Virender Singh, Advocate appears on behalf of respondents no.5, 6 and 9 and files power of attorney.

Learned counsel for respondents no.4 and 5 submits that there is no question of any kind of threat to the life and liberty of the petitioners from the private respondents, however, respondents no.5 and 6 seek to meet petitioner no.2 in order to ascertain her well being.

Learned counsel for the petitioners submits that there is no difficulty in the same.

In view of the above, let this matter be placed before the Mediation and Conciliation Centre of this Court. The petitioner as well as respondents no.5 & 6 are directed to appear before the Mediator on 10.01.2022.

List on 10.02.2022 to await report of the Mediator.

In case petitioners still perceive or apprehend any threat to their life and liberty, they may approach respondent no.2, who shall look into the matter and take appropriate steps as may be required.”

The matter was placed before the Mediation Centre of this Court to explore the possibility of mediation between the parties. A report has been received from the Mediator as per which it has been conveyed that mediation amongst the parties is not possible and thus, the case has been sent back to the Court.

Learned counsel for the petitioners states that a representation dated 27.12.2021 (Annexure P-7) has also been submitted by the petitioners to the respondent No.2- Senior Superintendent of Police, Bathinda Administrative Complex Mini Secretariat Bathinda, Punjab, respondent No.3- SHO of Police Station Bareta Tehsil Budleda and District Mansa and respondent No.4- SHO of Police Station Sangat Tehsil Sangat and District Bathinda, Punjab.

Learned State counsel has no objection if appropriate direction for providing requisite protection to the petitioners is given. Without examining the question of legality and validity of the marriage and expressing any opinion thereon, the petition is disposed of with the directions to respondent No. 2 -Senior Superintendent of Police, Bathinda Administrative Complex Mini secretariat Bathinda, Punjab, to look into the grievances of the petitioners as set out in the petition and also expressed in the representation (Annexure P-7) and take appropriate action for protection of their lives and liberty as may be warranted by the circumstances.

However, it is clarified that in case any criminal case has been/is registered against the petitioners nothing in this order shall be construed as a bar for taking appropriate action by the police authorities in respect thereof in accordance with law.

The Registry is directed to send a copy of this order along with copy of the petition and above-said representation to respondent No. 2 -Senior Superintendent of Police, Bathinda Administrative Complex Mini secretariat Bathinda, Punjab for requisite compliance.

The petition is disposed of.

(VINOD S. BHARDWAJ)
JUDGE

10.02.2022
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<i>Whether speaking/reasoned :</i>	<i>Yes/No</i>
<i>Whether reportable</i>	<i>Yes/No</i>