

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

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CRWP-10508-2022

Decided on : 09.11.2022

Kanta and another

. . . Petitioner(s)

Versus

State of Punjab and others

. . . Respondent(s)

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SANJAY VASHISTH

PRESENT: Mr. Karandeep Singh, 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.2 & 3, to provide protection of life and liberty to the petitioners, who have married against the wishes of private respondents.

Learned counsel for the petitioners submits that petitioner No.1 – Kanta, aged about 20 years and petitioner No.2 – Sunil Kumar, aged about 31 years, have got married on 02.11.2022, against the wishes of their family members, arrayed as respondents No. 4 to 8. It has been further submitted that private respondents are threatening to interfere in the marital life of the petitioners. Hence, the petitioners are seeking protection in that regard and have approached this Court by way of filing the instant petition. They have also submitted a representation dated 02.11.2022, sent through registered post dated 03.11.2022 (Annexure P-4) to respondent No.2 – Senior Superintendent of Police, Fazilka, wherein, they have expressed their apprehension.

Notice of motion.

On asking of the Court, Mr. Anmol Singh Sandhu, AAG,

Punjab, who is present in the Court, accepts notice on behalf of respondent Nos. 1 to 3 (State).

In view of the above, the present petition is disposed of with a direction to respondent No.2 – Senior Superintendent of Police, Fazilka, to look into the representation dated 02.11.2022, sent through registered post dated 03.11.2022 (Annexure P-4) *qua* threat perception, if any, and take necessary steps, if any required, in accordance with law, to ensure that the lives 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

November 09, 2022

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