

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

CRWP-10583-2022

Date of decision: 10.11.2022

SHIVANI DEVI AND ANOTHER

...Petitioners

V/s

STATE OF PUNJAB AND OTHERS

...Respondents

CORUM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE DEEPAK MANCHANDA

Present: Mr. Sachin Ohri, Advocate
for the petitioners.

Ms. Ishneet Kaur, Assistant AG Punjab.

DEEPAK MANCHANDA J. (ORAL)

This petition has been filed by the petitioners under Article 226/227 of the Constitution of India seeking protection of their lives and personal liberty, in view of the threats received from respondents No. 4 to 7, who are family members of petitioner No. 1.

Learned counsel for the petitioners contend that both the petitioners are major, aged 20 years and 26 years respectively and have performed marriage against the wishes of their parents which was solemnized on 01.11.2022. In support thereof, copies of Aadhaar Cards pertaining to the petitioners (Annexures P-1 and P-2) and copy of marriage certificate (Annexure P-3) and photographs of marriage (Annexure P-4) have also been appended.

It is further submitted that a representation dated 03.11.2022 (Annexure P-5) has also been sent by the petitioners to the respondent No.2- Senior Superintendent of Police, Pathankot, which has not been taken into consideration, in spite of being threatened by respondent Nos. 4 to 7.

Notice of motion restricted to respondents No.1 to 3 only.

Pursuant to supply of advance copy, Ms. Ishneet Kaur, Assistant AG Punjab, accepts notice on behalf of respondents No.1 to 3 and has no objection if appropriate directions are given for deciding the representation submitted by the petitioners.

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, Pathankot, to look into the grievances of the petitioners as set out in the petition and also expressed in the representation (Annexure P-5) and take appropriate action for protection of their lives and liberty as may be warranted by the circumstances.

The Registry is directed to send a copy of this order along with copy of the petition to respondent No.2- Senior Superintendent of Police, Pathankot, for requisite compliance.

The petition is disposed of.

(DEEPAK MANCHANDA)
JUDGE

10.11.2022
Ajay Goswami

Whether speaking/reasoned
Whether reportable

Yes
Yes/No