

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

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CRWP-10614-2022

Decided on : 11.11.2022

Gagandeep and another

. . . Petitioner(s)

Versus

State of Punjab and others

. . . Respondent(s)

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SANJAY VASHISTH

PRESENT: Mr. Deepak Kumar Bartia, 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. 1 to 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 –Gagandeep, aged about 28 years and petitioner No.2 – Gurpreet Singh, aged about 29 years, have got married on 08.11.2022, against the wishes of their family members, arrayed as respondents No.4 to 6. 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 08.11.2022 (Annexure P-5) to respondent No.2 – Senior Superintendent of Police, District Sri Muktsar Sahib, wherein, they have expressed their apprehension.

Notice of motion.

On asking of the Court, Mr. J.S. Arora, DAG, Punjab, who is present in the Court, accepts notice on behalf of respondent Nos. 1 to 3

(State).

In view of the above, present petition is disposed of with a direction to respondent No.2 – Senior Superintendent of Police, District Sri Muktsar Sahib, to look into the representation dated 08.11.2022 (Annexure P-5) *qua* threat perception and if there is any substance in it, take necessary steps, 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 11, 2022

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Whether speaking/reasoned: *Yes/No*
Whether Reportable: *Yes/No*