

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

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CRWP-10667-2022

Decided on : 14.11.2022

Vanshika Verma and another

. . . Petitioner(s)

Versus

State of Punjab and others

. . . Respondent(s)

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SANJAY VASHISTH

PRESENT: Mr. Virender Singh, Advocate for 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 and 3 to provide protection of life and liberty to petitioners, who have married against the wishes of private respondents.

Learned counsel for petitioners submits that petitioner No.1 – Vanshika Verma, aged about 21 years and petitioner No.2 – Vikrant, aged about 28 years, have got married on 09.11.2022, 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 petitioners. Hence, 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 09.11.2022 (Annexure P-5) to respondent No.2 – Commissioner of Police, Ludhiana, 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, present petition is disposed of with a direction to respondent No.2 – Commissioner of Police, Ludhiana, to look into the representation dated 09.11.2022 (Annexure P-5) *qua* threat perception and if there is any substance in it, take necessary steps, in accordance with law, to ensure that lives and liberty of 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 14, 2022

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