

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

108

**CRWP-10920-2022 (O&M)
Decided on : 21.11.2022**

Shareen Akhter and another

... Petitioner(s)

Versus

State of UT, Chandigarh and others

... Respondent(s)

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SANJAY VASHISTH

PRESENT: Mr. Ashish Bakshi, Advocate
for the petitioners.

SANJAY VASHISTH, J. (Oral)

CRM-W-1571-2022

Allowed as prayed for.

CRWP-10920-2022

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 lives and liberty of the petitioners, who have married against the wishes of private respondents.

2. Learned counsel for the petitioners submits that petitioner No.1 – Shareen Akhter, aged 22 years and petitioner No.2 – Mohd. Asif, aged about 32 years, have performed Nikah on 27.10.2022, against the wishes of their family members, arrayed as respondents No.4 to 7. It has been submitted that the private respondents are threatening to interfere in the matrimonial 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 09.11.2022 (Annexure P-5) to respondent No.2 – Sr. Superintendent of Police, UT,

Chandigarh, wherein, they have expressed their apprehension.

3. Notice of motion.

4. On asking of the Court, Mr. Anil Kumar Lamdharia, Addl. PP, UT Chandigarh, accepts notice on behalf of respondents No.1 to 3 (State).

5. In view of the above, the present petition is disposed of with a direction to respondent No.2 – Sr. Superintendent of Police, UT Chandigarh, 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 the lives and liberty of the petitioners is not jeopardized at the hands of the private respondents.

6. 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 21, 2022

J.Ram

Whether speaking/reasoned: *Yes/No*

Whether Reportable: *Yes/No*