

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

CRWP-11380-2022

Date of Decision: 08.12.2022

Tanu & another ...Petitioners

Versus

State of Punjab & others ...Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE GURVINDER SINGH GILL

Present: Mr. Naveen Kumar, Advocate, for the petitioners.

GURVINDER SINGH GILL, J. (Oral)

Petitioner No.1 – Tanu, aged about 22 years, who is stated to have converted her religion from Muslim to Hindu and petitioner No.2 – Ajay Kumar, aged about 23 years have approached this Court seeking issuance of a direction to official respondents to protect their lives and liberty, as they apprehend threat to the same at the hands of private respondents having married against the wishes of their families.

Learned counsel for the petitioners has submitted that although both the petitioners are original residents of District Una (Himachal Pradesh), but petitioner No.1 – Ajay Kumar has been residing in District SAS Nagar (Mohali) since the year 2015 where he is employed in a private company.

Without commenting as regards the veracity of the averments made in the petition and also as regards the validity of their alleged marriage, the petition is disposed of with a direction to respondent No.2 i.e. Senior Superintendent of Police, SAS Nagar, Mohali

to look into the matter and to dispose of the representation dated 29.11.2022 (Annexure P-5) in accordance with law. In case, it is found that there is a genuine threat to the lives and liberty of the petitioners, then necessary steps warranted under law be taken thereupon at the earliest so as to ensure that no harm is caused to the petitioners.

A copy of this order alongwith copy of the representation dated 29.11.2022 be sent to the Senior Superintendent of Police, SAS Nagar, Mohali (respondent No.2), so as to enable him to do the needful expeditiously.

It is, however, clarified that the aforesaid order shall not be taken to be any expression as regards the validity of marriage of the petitioners and shall not confer any immunity upon the petitioners, in case it is found that they have committed any wrong.

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**(GURVINDER SINGH GILL)
JUDGE**Whether speaking/reasoned: **Yes/No**Whether reportable: **Yes/No**