

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB & HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

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CRWP-11429-2022 (O&M)
Date of decision: 05.12.2022

ANKITA RANI AND ANOTHER

....Petitioners

Versus

STATE OF PUNJAB AND OTHERS

...Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE AMAN CHAUDHARY

Present : Mr. Harshit Jain, Advocate
for the petitioners.

AMAN CHAUDHARY. J.

The present petition has been filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India for issuance of direction to respondent Nos.2 and 3 to protect life and liberty of the petitioners at the hands of respondent Nos.4 to 6, as they have attained majority and married against the wishes of their family members.

Learned counsel for the petitioners submits that petitioner No.1 was earlier married and the said marriage was declared null and void by the Court of Principal Judge, Family Court vide order dated 03.11.2022, Annexure P-5.

Learned counsel for the petitioners states that the petitioners will be satisfied if Senior Superintendent of Police, Patiala i.e. respondent No.2 is directed to look into the representation dated 15.11.2022 (Annexure P-6), made to him by the petitioners in this regard and take appropriate action on the same.

As per averments made in the petition, both the petitioners are major. Dates of birth of both the petitioners are 09.11.1998 and 03.10.1993, respectively. Copies of Aadhar cards of both the petitioners are appended with the petition as

Annexures P1 and P2, respectively. They got married on 15.11.2022 as per Marriage Certificate, Annexure P-3. Photographs of the marriage are Annexure P-4.

Notice of motion.

At the asking of the Court, Mr. Kamalpreet Bawa, AAG Punjab, accepts notice on behalf of respondent Nos. 1 to 3.

In view of the limited prayer made by the learned counsel for the petitioners and without going into the merits of the claim raised by the petitioners, this petition is disposed of with direction to respondent No.2 to look into the representation dated 15.11.2022 (Annexure P-6) and decide the same expeditiously, in accordance with law.

It is however, made clear that this order shall not preclude the authorities to proceed against the petitioners, in case, they are found involved in any other civil or criminal proceedings, instituted/ pending against them or pass any order if there is some evidence that surfaces regarding their involvement in a cognizable offence, for which they may be required by the investigating agency.

(AMAN CHAUDHARY)
JUDGE

December 05, 2022

S.Sharma(syr)

<i>Whether speaking/reasoned</i>	:	<i>Yes/No</i>
<i>Whether reportable</i>	:	<i>Yes/No</i>