

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

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**CRWP-11849-2022
Decided on : 16.12.2022**

Mrs. Rajinder Pal Sharma and another

. . . Petitioner(s)

Versus

State of Punjab and others

. . . Respondent(s)

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SANJAY VASHISTH

PRESENT: Mr. Mukesh Pandit, 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.2 & 3, to provide protection of lives and liberty of the petitioners, who have married against the wishes of private respondents.

It is pertinent to mention here that the marriage between the parties took place on 17.09.2020, but the factum of marriage was not disclosed. Now coming to know of the marriage of petitioners, there is constant threat by the private respondents.

2. Learned counsel for the petitioners submits that petitioner No.1 – Rajinder Pal Sharma, aged above 24 years and petitioner No.2 – Gurpreet Singh, aged 23 years, have performed marriage on 17.09.2020, against the wishes of their family members, arrayed as respondents No.4 & 5. 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 12.12.2022

(Annexure P-5) to respondent No.2 – Commissioner of Police, District Sangrur (however, the representation is addressed to Sr. Superintendent of Police, Sangrur), wherein, they have expressed their apprehension.

3. Notice of motion.

4. On asking of the Court, Mr. JS Arora, DAG, Punjab, accepts notice on behalf of respondents No.1 to 3 (State).

5. In view of the above, present petition is disposed of with a direction to respondent No.2 – Commissioner of Police, District Sangrur, to look into the representation dated 12.12.2022 (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

December 16, 2022

J.Ram

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