

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

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CRWP-11959-2022

Decided on : 20.12.2022

Kajal Sharma and another

... Petitioner(s)

Versus

State of Punjab and others

... Respondent(s)

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SANJAY VASHISTH

PRESENT: Ms. Deepti Rampal, 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 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- Kajal Sharma, aged 23 years, has performed marriage on 15.12.2022, with petitioner No. 2 – Dheeraj Kumar, aged 24 years, which is an inter-caste marriage. Marriage has been solemnized against the wishes of family members of petitioner No.1, arrayed as respondent No. 4. It has been further submitted that private respondents are threatening to interfere in the matrimonial 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 15.12.2022 (Annexure P-7) to respondent No.2 – Senior Superintendent of Police, Pathankot and SHO Police Station Sadar, Pathankot (respondent No.3), wherein, they have expressed their apprehension.

Notice of motion.

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

In view of the above, present petition is disposed of with a direction to respondent No.2 – Senior Superintendent of Police, Pathankot to look into the representation dated 15.12.2022 (Annexure P-7) *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 respondent.

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 20, 2022

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