

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

**CRWP-12151-2022
Date of Decision: 23.12.2022**

Sukhmeet Kaur and another

..... Petitioners

Versus

State of Punjab and others

..... Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARSH BUNGER

Present: Mr. Samjot Singh Thind, Advocate
for the petitioners.

HARSH BUNGER J. (ORAL)

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 life and liberty to the petitioners, who have married against wishes of private respondents No. 4 and 5.

Learned counsel for the petitioners submits that petitioner No.1–Sukhmeet Kaur, aged about 26 years and petitioner No.2–Jatinder Pal Singh, aged about 28 years, have got married on 22.10.2022, against wishes of the family members / relatives / friends of petitioner No.1 (Sukhmeet Kaur), arrayed as respondents No. 4 and 5. It has been further submitted that private respondents No.4 and 5 are threatening the petitioners and trying to interfere in the marital life of the petitioners. Hence, they are seeking

protection in that regard and have approached this Court by way of filing the instant petition.

Notice of motion to respondents No.1 to 3/State only.

On the asking of the Court, Mr. Vinay K.Gupta, AAG, Punjab, who is present in the Court, 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, Ropar, to look into representation dated 08.12.2022 (Annexure P-4), *qua* threat perception, if any, and take necessary steps, if any required, in accordance with law, to ensure that life and liberty of the petitioners is not jeopardized at the hands of private respondents No.4 and 5. However, this direction shall not be construed to validate the marriage, said to have taken place between the petitioners. This order shall also not be taken to protect the petitioners from legal action for violation of law, if any, committed by them and will have no effect on any civil or criminal action, which could be initiated in the matter in accordance with law.

23.12.2022*Apurva***(HARSH BUNGER)
JUDGE**

1. Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes/No
2. Whether reportable : Yes/No