

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

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**CRWP-12247-2022
Date of decision: 27.12.2022**

Neha and another

.....Petitioners

Versus

State of Punjab and others

.....Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE MANJARI NEHRU KAUL

Present : Mr. Amandeep Chhabra, Advocate for the petitioners.

MANJARI NEHRU KAUL, 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 the petitioners, who have married against the wishes of private respondents No.4 to 10, who are stated to be family members of petitioner No.1.

Learned counsel for the petitioners submits that petitioner No.1–Neha, aged 23 years and petitioner No.2–Rahul Setia, aged 31 years, have got married on 13.12.2022, against the wishes of family members of petitioner No.1, arrayed as respondents No.4 to 10. Learned counsel submits that ever since then, the petitioners are being threatened with dire consequences. Resultantly, a representation dated 19.12.2022 (Annexure P/4) was also made to respondent No.2-Senior Superintendent of Police, Fazilka for protection of their life and liberty but in vain. Learned counsel submits that he would be satisfied if directions are issued to respondent No.2-Senior Superintendent of Police, Fazilka, to look into their representation (Annexure P/4) and take appropriate steps at the earliest.

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

On asking of the Court, Mr. Maninder Singh, DAG, Punjab accepts notice on behalf of respondents No.1 to 3.

In view of the above, the present petition is disposed of with a direction to respondent No.2 – Senior Superintendent of Police, Fazilka, to look into the representation dated 19.12.2022 (Annexure P/4) *qua* the alleged threat perception and take necessary steps, as may be required, in accordance with law, to ensure that the life and liberty of the petitioners is not jeopardized at the hands of the private respondents. 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.

27.12.2022

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(MANJARI NEHRU KAUL)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned	:	Yes/No
Whether reportable	:	Yes/No