

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

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**CRWP-12251-2022
Date of decision: 27.12.2022**

Payal and another

.....Petitioners

Versus

State of Haryana and others

.....Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE MANJARI NEHRU KAUL

Present : Mr. Kuldeep Singh, Advocate for the petitioners.

MANJARI NEHRU KAUL, J. (ORAL)

Prayer in the instant petition filed under Article 226/227 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 and 5.

Learned counsel for the petitioners submits the petitioners, who are admittedly majors, have solemnized their marriage on 22.12.2022 against the wishes of private respondents. He submits that since the family members of petitioner No.1 were averse to their relationship and did not consent to their marriage, they have been extending threats of dire consequences to the petitioners. He submits that a representation dated 22.12.2022 (Annexure P-5) was sent to respondent No.2-Superintendent of Police, Yamuna Nagar, however, no action has been taken on the same and, hence, threat continues to loom large over the petitioners.

Notice of motion.

On asking of the Court, Ms. Rajni Gupta, Addl. A.G.,
Haryana accepts notice on behalf of respondents No.1 to 3.

Mr. Amandeep Chhabra, Advocate for Mr. Sukhmeet Singh, Advocate has put in an appearance on behalf of respondents No.4 and 5, who are family members of petitioner No.1.

On a pointed query put to the learned counsel for respondents No.4 and 5, he has not disputed the age of petitioner No.1 being 18 years.

On further query put to the learned counsel for respondents No.4 and 5 as to whether any missing report or FIR has been lodged against the petitioners, he has replied in the negative.

In the circumstances, the present petition is disposed of with a directions to respondent No.2 – Superintendent of Police, Yamuna Nagar to look into the representation dated 22.12.2022 (Annexure P-5) *qua* threat perception, if any, and take necessary steps, if any required, in accordance with law, to ensure that the life and liberty of the 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.

27.12.2022

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(MANJARI NEHRU KAUL)
JUDGE

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