

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

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CRWP-12301-2022
Date of decision: 28.12.2022

Sarabjit Kaur & anr.

.....Petitioners

Versus

State of Punjab and others

.....Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE MANJARI NEHRU KAUL

Present : Mr. Rimple Saini, Advocate
for the petitioners.

Mr. Maninder Singh, DAG, Punjab.

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.1 to 3, to provide protection of life and liberty to the petitioners, who have married against the wishes of private respondents No.4 to 8, who are stated to be family members of petitioner No.1.

Learned counsel for the petitioners submits that petitioner No.1–Sarabjit Kaur, aged 21 years and petitioner No.2–Gurparshad, aged 31 years, have got married on 26.12.2022, against the wishes of family members of petitioner No.1, arrayed as respondents No.4 to 8. Learned counsel submits that ever since then, the petitioners are being threatened with dire consequences. Resultantly, a representation dated 26.12.2022 (Annexure P/5) was also made to respondent No.2-Senior Superintendent of Police, Gurdaspur 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, Gurdaspur, to look into their representation (Annexure P/5) 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.

On a pointed query put to the learned counsel for the petitioners, he submits that it is the first marriage of both the petitioners. On a further query as to whether any missing report/FIR has been lodged qua petitioner No.1 against petitioner No.2., learned counsel has replied in negative.

In view of the above, the present petition is disposed of with a direction to respondent No.2 –Senior Superintendent of Police, Gurdaspur, to look into the representation dated 26.12.2022 (Annexure P/5) *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.

28.12.2022

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(MANJARI NEHRU KAUL)
JUDGE

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