

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

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CRWP-204-2023 (O&M)

Date of Decision: 11.01.2023

Neha Arya & another

...Petitioners

Versus

Union Territory, Chandigarh & others

...Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE GURVINDER SINGH GILL

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

GURVINDER SINGH GILL, J. (Oral)

1. The petitioners have approached this Court seeking issuance of a direction to official respondents to protect their lives and liberty, as they apprehend threat to the same at the hands of private respondents, having married against the wishes of their families.
2. Notice of motion.
3. At this stage, Mr. Anupam Bansal, Additional P.P., U.T., Chandigarh, upon whom an advance copy of petition had already been served, accepts notice on behalf of respondents No.1 to 3, whereas Mr. Ravi Kamal Gupta, Advocate, accepts notice on behalf of respondent No.5 (mother of petitioner No.1) and filed his Vakalatnama, which is taken on record.
4. Mr. Anupam Bansal, Additional P.P., UT Chandigarh has submitted that pursuant to receipt of an advance copy of the petition, the local police had contacted Om Parkash, father of petitioner No.1 – Neha Arya, who assured that he, his wife Meena and his son Himanshu will not cause any kind of threat to the petitioners and also will not interfere in their lives.

In this regard, Mr. Anupam Bansal has passed on a photocopy of the statement of Om Parkash Arya, father of petitioner No.1, which is taken on record.

5. Learned counsel representing respondent No.5, who is present in Court, has requested that some directions may be issued to petitioner No.1 to meet respondent No.5.
6. In view of the aforestated position, the instant petition is disposed of having been rendered infructuous.
7. It is, however, clarified that in case the petitioners apprehend any threat to their lives and liberty at a later stage, it shall be open to them to approach this Court again. Respondents No.4 to 6 would be well advised not to take law into their hands.
8. As far as request of respondent No.5 is concerned, this Court cannot issue any direction pressurizing petitioner No.1 to meet her mother. However, learned counsel for the petitioners shall advice petitioner No.1 to meet her mother.

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(GURVINDER SINGH GILL)
JUDGEWhether speaking/reasoned: **Yes/No**Whether reportable: **Yes/No**