

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

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CRWP-684-2023

Decided on : 24.01.2023

Harpreet and another

... Petitioner(s)

Versus

State of Punjab and others

... Respondent(s)

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SANJAY VASHISTH

PRESENT: Ms. Swati Verma, Advocate
for the petitioner(s).

SANJAY VASHISTH, 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 lives and liberty of the petitioners, who have married against the wishes of private respondents.

On the very outset, counsel for the petitioners points out that by mistake, Harpreet-petitioner No.1, has been mentioned aged 20 years in the memo of party, whereas her correct age is more than 18 years.

2. Learned counsel for the petitioners submits that petitioner No.1 – Harpreet, aged more than 18 years and petitioner No.2 – Gurpreet Singh, aged about 26 years, have solemnized marriage on 17.01.2023, against the wishes of their family members, arrayed as respondents No.4 to 6. Learned counsel for the petitioners further submits that it is the first marriage of both the petitioners. It has been submitted that the private respondents are threatening to interfere in the matrimonial life of the petitioners. Hence, the petitioners are seeking protection in that regard and have approached this Court by way of filing the instant petition. They have also submitted a

representation dated 17.01.2023 (Annexure P-4), to respondent No.2 –

Senior Superintendent of Police, Batala, District Gurdaspur, wherein, they have expressed their apprehension.

3. Notice of motion.

4. On asking of the Court, Mr. J. S. Arora, DAG, Punjab, accepts notice on behalf of respondents No.1 to 3 (State).

5. In view of the above, the present petition is disposed of with a direction to respondent No.2 – Senior Superintendent of Police, Batala, District Gurdaspur, to look into the representation dated 17.01.2023 (Annexure P-4), *qua* threat perception, and if there is any substance in it, take necessary steps, in accordance with law, to ensure that the lives and liberty of the petitioners are not jeopardized at the hands of the private respondents.

6. 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.

(SANJAY VASHISTH)
JUDGE

January 24, 2023

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Whether speaking/reasoned: *Yes/No*
Whether Reportable: *Yes/No*