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

CRWP-679-2023

Date of Decision: 23.01.2023

Sneha and another

..... Petitioners

Versus

State of Punjab and others

..... Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARSH BUNGER

Present: Ms. Manisha, Advocate
for the petitioners.

HARSH BUNGER J. (ORAL)

Prayer in the instant petition filed under Article 226 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 wishes of private respondents No. 4 to 6.

Learned counsel for the petitioners submits that petitioner No.1 – Sneha, aged about 19 years and petitioner No.2 – Rahul, aged about 26 years, have got married on 18.01.2023, against wishes of the family members/relatives/friends of petitioner No. 1 (Sneha), arrayed as respondent Nos. 4 to 6. It has been further submitted that private respondents are threatening and trying to interfere in the marital life of petitioners. Hence, they are seeking protection in this regard and have approached this Court by way of filing the instant petition.

Notice of motion.

At the asking of Court, Mr. Vinay K.Gupta, AAG, Punjab, who

is present in the Court, accepts notice on behalf of respondents No. 1 to 3/State.

At this stage, Mr. Rajesh Dhiman, Advocate appears on behalf of respondents No.4 and 5, who are parents of petitioner No.1, and files Vakalatnama in Court today, which is taken on record, subject to all just exceptions. The parents of petitioner No.1-Sneha, have expressed their desire to meet their daughter with the assurance that there is no threat to the lives of petitioners at their hands.

In view of the above, present petition is disposed of with a direction to respondent No. 2 – Senior Superintendent of Police, Amritsar to look into representation dated 19.01.2023 (Annexure P-5), qua threat perception, if any, and take necessary steps, if any required, in accordance with law to ensure that life and liberty of the petitioners is not jeopardized at the hands of private respondents No.4 to 6. He shall also consider the request of parents of petitioner No.1-Sneha and, if deemed appropriate, permit them to meet their daughter.

However, this direction shall not be construed to validate the marriage, said to have taken place between the petitioners. This order shall also not be taken to protect the petitioners from legal action for violation of law, if any, committed by them and will have no effect on any civil or criminal action, which could be initiated in the matter in accordance with law.

23.01.2023

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(HARSH BUNGER)
JUDGE

1. Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes/No

2. Whether reportable : Yes/No