

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

(234)

LPA-236-2021

Decided on : 15.02.2023

Harpreet & another

.....Appellant(s)

Versus

State of Punjab & others

.....Respondent(s)

**CORAM : HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE G.S. SANDHAWALIA
HON'BLE MS.JUSTICE HARPREET KAUR JEEWAN**

Present: None for the appellants.

Ms.Deepali Puri, Addl.A.G., Punjab.

G.S. Sandhawalia, J. (Oral)

The present appeal is directed against the order of the learned Single Judge passed on 19.02.2021 in CRWP-1765-2021 and protection was not granted which had been prayed for on account of their alleged intercaste marriage as one belongs to a Scheduled Caste community and the other belongs to Rajput community.

The learned Single Judge had declined to grant the said protection on account of the fact that there was merely an apprehension of threat.

Vide order dated 02.03.2021, while issuing notice of motion, directions were issued to the official respondents to ensure that life and liberty of the appellants is fully protected and parties were directed to appear before this Court through Video-Conferencing. However, due to Covid-19 pandemic, the matter could not be taken up.

In the reply dated 31.03.2021 filed by way of affidavit by the State, it has been averred that the parties are living at Village Gohawar, Police Station Goraya, District Jalandhar and the matter has been enquired into. The apprehension of threat of life and liberty had been thoroughly

examined and statements of the appellants and private respondents had been duly recorded. It has been stated that they have also got recorded their statements that they have no threat and further that if any representation has been submitted by the Advocate, then also no action be taken against the same (Annexures R-2/T & R-3/T).

Keeping in view the above, we are of the considered opinion that since a period of over 2 years has elapsed from the date of the marriage the threat perception itself would have fizzled out as the private respondents would have also reconciled to the said aspect. Counsel for the appellants has also not put in appearance to confirm the fact that the parties are still living together or that the said apprehension continues.

Accordingly, in our considered opinion, the present appeal has been rendered infructuous and the same is disposed of, as such.

(G.S. SANDHAWALIA)
JUDGE

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(HARPREET KAUR JEEWAN)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned :	Yes
Whether Reportable :	No