

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

**CRWP-2116-2023
Date of Decision: 03.03.2023**

BALWINDER SINGH AND ANOTHER

...Petitioners

Versus

STATE OF PUNJAB AND OTHERS

...Respondents

CORAM:- HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE DEEPAK MANCHANDA

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

DEEPAK MANCHANDA J.

The petitioners have approached this Court under Article 226 of the Constitution of India for seeking issuance of directions to respondent Nos. 1 to 3 for protecting their lives and personal liberty from respondent Nos. 4 and 5.

The contention of learned counsel for the petitioners is that both the petitioners are major, aged above 31 years and above 20 years respectively. In support thereof, copies of Aadhaar Cards pertaining to the petitioners have been appended. The learned counsel for petitioners further contends that they have performed marriage against the wishes of their parents and same was solemnized on 28.02.2023. Copy of Marriage Certificate (Annexure P-3) and copy of photographs of marriage (Annexure P-4) have also been appended. The petitioners apprehend threat to their lives and liberty and claim that there is a constant danger of being implicated in a false case.

Notice of motion restricted to respondents No.1 to 3 only.

Pursuant to supply of advance copy, Mr. P.S. Grewal, DAG Punjab, accepts notice on behalf of respondents No.1 to 3.

Learned counsel for the petitioners states that a representation dated 28.02.2023 (Annexure P-5) has also been sent by the petitioners to the respondent No.2-Senior Superintendent of Police, Pathankot.

Learned State counsel has no objection if appropriate directions are given for deciding the representation submitted by the petitioners.

Without examining the question of legality and validity of the marriage and expressing any opinion thereon, the petition is disposed of with the directions to respondent No.2-Senior Superintendent of Police, Pathankot, to look into the grievances of the petitioners as set out in the petition and also expressed in the representation (Annexure P-5) and take appropriate action for protection of their lives and liberty as may be warranted by the circumstances, in accordance with law.

The Registry is directed to send a copy of this order along with copy of the petition to respondent No.2- Senior Superintendent of Police, Pathankot, for requisite compliance.

The petition is disposed of

03.03.2023
Ajay Goswami

(DEEPAK MANCHANDA)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned
Whether reportable

Yes/No
Yes/No