

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT
CHANDIGARH

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CRWP No.2275 of 2023
Date of Decision: 13.03.2023

Neelam Rani and another

..... Petitioners

Versus

State of Punjab and others

..... Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE GURBIR SINGH

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

GURBIR SINGH, J (ORAL)

The petitioners have filed the present petition *inter alia* with a prayer for issuance of directions to official respondents to protect life and liberty of the petitioners from the hands of private respondents No.4 to 6 and not to interfere in their married life.

It has been averred that the date of birth of petitioner No.1 is 27.09.2001 while date of birth of petitioner No.2 is 19.05.1999. Copies of Aadhar Cards of petitioner Nos.1 & 2 to this effect are attached as Annexures P-1 and P-2 respectively.

It has been submitted that the marriage of the petitioners was solemnized on 04.03.2023. The marriage Certificate is attached as Annexure P-4. Private respondents are opposed to the marriage, as the petitioners had performed the marriage without their consent. The petitioners have submitted representation dated 04.03.2023 (Annexure P-5) to respondent No.2-the Senior Superintendent of Police, Ferozepur, seeking protection of their lives and liberty at the hands of the private respondents.

Notice of motion to respondent Nos.1 to 3.

On the asking of the Court, Ms. Himani Arora, AAG, Punjab, accepts notice on behalf of respondent Nos.1 to 3.

Without expressing any opinion on the merits of the matter and in particular the legality of the alleged relationship, the present petition is disposed of with a direction to respondent No.2-the Senior Superintendent of Police, Ferozepur to forthwith consider the aforesaid representation dated 06.03.2023 (Annexure P-5) made on behalf of the petitioners and thereafter, take appropriate action on the same as is deemed fit in accordance with law to ensure the protection of life and liberty of the petitioners. Till then, protect the life and liberty of the petitioners. Respondent No.2 would pass necessary order without being influenced by any pleadings made in the petition.

It is made clear that this order shall not be taken to validate the alleged relationship between the petitioners or protect them from legal action for violation, if any, committed by them.

13.03.2023

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(GURBIR SINGH)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned : YES/NO
Whether reportable : YES/NO