

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

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CRWP-2370-2023

Date of Decision: 14.03.2023

Komal Bhatia & another

...Petitioners

Versus

State of Punjab & others

...Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE GURVINDER SINGH GILL

Present: Mr. Naresh Kumar, Advocate, for the petitioners.

GURVINDER SINGH GILL, J. (Oral)

The petitioners have approached this Court seeking issuance of a direction to official respondents to protect their lives and liberty as they apprehend threat to the same at the hands of private respondents having married against the wishes of their families.

Without commenting as regards the veracity of the averments made in the petition and also as regards the validity of their alleged marriage, the petition is disposed of with a direction to respondent No.3 i.e. Senior Superintendent of Police, Hoshiarpur to look into the matter and to dispose of the representation dated 07.03.2023 (Annexure P-3) in accordance with law. In case, it is found that there is a genuine threat to the lives and liberty of the petitioners, then necessary steps warranted under law be taken thereupon at the earliest so as to ensure that no harm is caused to the petitioners.

A copy of this order alongwith copy of the representation dated 07.03.2023 be sent to Senior Superintendent of Police, Hoshiarpur (respondent No.3), so as to enable him to do the needful expeditiously.

It is, however, clarified that the aforesaid order shall not be taken to be any expression as regards the validity of marriage of the petitioners and shall not confer any immunity upon the petitioners, in case it is found that they have committed any wrong.

14.03.2023

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(GURVINDER SINGH GILL)
JUDGE

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