

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

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CRWP-2780-2023(O&M)
Decided on : 22.03.2023

Harpreet and another
Versus
State of Punjab and others
... Petitioner(s)
... Respondent(s)

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SANJAY VASHISTH

PRESENT: Mr. Bikramjit Singh Randhawa, Advocate,
for the petitioners.

SANJAY VASHISTH, J. (Oral)

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For the reasons mentioned in the application, the same is
allowed as prayed for.

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Prayer in the instant petition filed under Article 226 of the
Constitution of India, is for issuance of directions to official respondents
No.2 & 3, to provide protection of lives and liberty of the petitioners, who
have married against the wishes of private respondents.

2. Learned counsel for the petitioners submits that petitioner No.1
– Harpreet, aged about 20 years and petitioner No.2 – Shiva, aged about
23 years, have solemnized marriage on 18.03.2023, against the wishes of
their family members, arrayed as respondents No.4 and 5. Learned counsel
for the petitioners further submits that it is the first marriage of both the
petitioners. It has been submitted that the private respondents are
threatening to interfere in the matrimonial life of the petitioners. Hence, the
petitioners are seeking protection in that regard and have approached this
Court by way of filing the instant petition. They have also submitted a

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representation dated 18.03.2023 (Annexure P-5), to respondent No.2 – Senior Superintendent of Police, Hoshiarpur, wherein, they have expressed their apprehension.

3. Notice of motion.

4. On asking of the Court, Mr. Anmol Singh Sandhu, AAG, Punjab, accepts notice on behalf of respondents No.1 to 3 (State).

5. In view of the above, the present petition is disposed of with a direction to respondent No.2 – Senior Superintendent of Police, Hoshiarpur, to look into the representation dated 18.03.2023 (Annexure P-5), *qua* threat perception, and if there is any substance in it, take necessary steps, in accordance with law, to ensure that the lives and liberty of the petitioners are not jeopardized at the hands of the private respondents.

However, respondent No.2 – Senior Superintendent of Police, Hoshiarpur, would ensure in case any protection is to be provided, would confirm the identity of petitioner No.2-Shiva.

6. However, this direction will not validate the marriage said to have taken place between the parties and will have no effect on any civil or criminal action, which could be initiated in the matter in accordance with law.

(SANJAY VASHISTH)
JUDGE

March 22, 2023

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