

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

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CRWP-3550-2023 (O&M)
Date of decision: 17.04.2023

SHUTI AND ANOTHER

....Petitioners

Versus

STATE OF PUNJAB AND OTHERS

...Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE AMAN CHAUDHARY

Present : Mr. Umesh Kumar Kanwar, Advocate for the petitioners

AMAN CHAUDHARY. J.

The present petition has been filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India for issuance of direction to respondent Nos.2 and 3 to protect life and liberty of the petitioners at the hands of respondent Nos.4 to 8, as they have attained majority and married against the wishes of their family members.

Learned counsel for the petitioners states that the petitioners will be satisfied if Senior Superintendent of Police, Rural, District Jalandhar i.e. respondent No.2 is directed to look into the representation dated 06.04.2023 (Annexure P-6), made to him by the petitioners in this regard and take appropriate action on the same.

As per averments made in the petition, both the petitioners are major. Dates of birth of both the petitioners are 12.12.2001 and 12.03.1989, respectively. Copies of Aadhar cards of both the petitioners are appended with the petition as Annexures P1 and P2, respectively. They got married on 06.04.2023 as per Marriage Certificate, Annexure P-4. Photographs of the marriage are Annexure P-5.

Notice of motion.

At the asking of the Court, Mr. Manipal Singh Atwal, DAG Punjab accepts notice on behalf of respondent Nos. 1 to 3 and has no objection in deciding the representation filed on behalf of the petitioners.

In view of the limited prayer made by the learned counsel for the petitioners and without going into the merits of the claim raised by the petitioners, this petition is disposed of with direction to respondent No.2 to look into the representation dated 06.04.2023 (Annexure P-6) and decide the same expeditiously, in accordance with law.

It is however, made clear that this order shall not preclude the authorities to proceed against the petitioners, in case, they are found involved in any other civil or criminal proceedings, instituted/ pending against them or pass any order if there is some evidence that surfaces regarding their involvement in a cognizable offence, for which they may be required by the investigating agency.

(AMAN CHAUDHARY)
JUDGE

April 17, 2023

S.Sharma(syr)

Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes/No

Whether reportable : Yes/No