

**In the High Court for the States of Punjab and Haryana
At Chandigarh**

CRWP-3797-2023 (O&M)
Date of Decision:-21.04.2023

Poonampreet Sharma and another ... Petitioners

Versus

State of Punjab and others ... Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE GURVINDER SINGH GILL

Present:- Mr. Ram Kumar Saini, Advocate for the petitioners.

GURVINDER SINGH GILL, J.(Oral)

1. Petitioner No.1-Poonampreet Sharma aged about 32 years and petitioner No.2-Surinderpal Singh Dhillon aged about 31 years seek issuance of a direction to the 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.
2. While petitioner No.2-Surinderpal Singh Dhillon is stated to be unmarried, petitioner No.1-Poonampreet Sharma is stated to be a divorcee as per certificate dated 8.12.2020 (Annexure P-7) issued by the Court of Queen's Bench of Alberta, wherein it is certified that the marriage of petitioner No.2 with her husband Karan Sharma was dissolved by a judgment became effective from 7.11.2020.
3. Without commenting as regards the veracity of the averments made in the petition and also as regards the validity of alleged marriage of the petitioners, the petition is disposed of with a direction to respondent No.2-Senior

Superintendent of Police, Ferozepur, to look into the matter and to dispose off the representation dated 17.4.2023 (Annexure P-5) 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.

- 4. A copy of this order alongwith copy of the representation dated 17.4.2023 (Annexure P-5) be sent to respondent No.2-Senior Superintendent of Police, Ferozepur, so as to enable him to do the needful expeditiously.
- 5. 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.

21.04.2023

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(GURVINDER SINGH GILL)
JUDGE

Whether speaking /reasoned	Yes / No
Whether Reportable	Yes / No