

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

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CRWP-4290-2023 (O&M)

Decided on :04.05.2023

Gurpreet Kaur and another

. . . Petitioner(s)

Versus

State of Punjab and others

. . . Respondent(s)

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SANJAY VASHISTH

PRESENT: Mr. Birinder Pal, Advocate for the petitioners.

SANJAY VASHISTH, J. (Oral)

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

2. Learned counsel for petitioners submits that petitioner No.1- Gurpreet Kaur, aged about 18 years 07 months and petitioner No.2 – Karan Bhatti, aged about 21 years, have got married on 30.04.2023 against the wishes of their family members, arrayed as respondents No. 4 and 5. It is first marriage of both the petitioners. It has been further submitted that private respondents are threatening to interfere in the matrimonial life of petitioners. Hence, petitioners are seeking protection in that regard and have approached this Court by way of filing the instant petition.

3. Counsel submits that in regard to said apprehensions, one representation was forwarded vide registered post dated 30.04.2023 (Annexure P-7) to Senior Superintendent of Police, Patiala (respondent No. 2) and also to respondent No. 3-Station House Officer, Police Station Sadar, Patiala (Annexure P-8). Counsel further submits that inadvertently in both the representations, the date has been mentioned as 01.05.2023, instead of 30.04.2023.

4. Notice of motion.

5. On advance notice, Mr. J.S. Arora, DAG, Punjab, who is present in the Court, accepts notice on behalf of respondents Nos.1 to 3 (State).

5. In view of the above, present petition is disposed of with a direction to respondent No.2 –Senior Superintendent of Police, Patiala, Punjab, to look into the representation (Annexure P-7), *qua* threat perception and if there is any substance in it, take necessary steps, in accordance with law, to ensure that lives and liberty of the petitioners, is not jeopardized at the hands of the private respondents.

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.

7. Disposed of.

(SANJAY VASHISTH)
JUDGE

04.05.2023

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Whether speaking/reasoned: Yes/No

Whether Reportable: Yes/No