

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

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**CWP-10380-2023
Date of Decision: 15.05.2023**

VISHAL KUMAR @ VISHAL

... Petitioner

VERSUS

STATE OF PUNJAB AND OTHERS

... Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE VINOD S. BHARDWAJ.

Present: Mr. Sushant Kohli, Advocate
for the petitioner.

VINOD S. BHARDWAJ, J. (ORAL)

The present petition has been filed seeking issuance of directions to respondent No.3 to register the marriage of petitioner and respondent No.4.

Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that the petitioner and respondent No.4 – Harpreet Kaur were college friends and they did Bachelor in Computer Application from K.C. College, Jalandhar. Thereafter, the petitioner got a job in Punjab State Power Corporation, Shakti Sadan, Jalandhar and the respondent No.4 also took admission in Lovely Professional University to pursue her MCA. The petitioner and respondents No.4 came close to each other and being of marriageable age, they solemnized marriage. Thereafter, on 09.01.2023 they went to the Marriage Registrar, Jalandhar for the purpose of getting their marriage registered, however, the Registrar refused to register the marriage on the pretext that the parents of the couple must come to witness the

marriage. It was a love marriage against the wishes of the parents, hence, the petitioner and respondent No.4 were unable to bring their parents for the said purpose. It is further contended that thereafter, on 11.01.2023, the wife of the petitioner i.e. respondent No.4 went to Europe for further studies and is still pursuing her studies there. The petitioner again on 02.03.2023 visited the office of Marriage Registrar - respondent No.3 and requested him to register the marriage by taking the respondent No.4 on video call or through any means of video conference but the respondent No.3 flatly refused to register their marriage. At last, the petitioner moved a representation dated 07.03.2023 (Annexure P-6) for seeking redressal of his grievance, however, no action has been taken on the said representation till date. Hence, the present petition.

Notice of motion.

Mr. Saurav Verma, Addl. A.G., Punjab accepts notice on behalf of the respondents and prays for some time to complete instructions and file response if necessary.

The learned counsel for the petitioner, however, submits that at this juncture, the petitioner would be satisfied if the respondent No.3 is directed to consider and decide the representation dated 07.03.2023 (Annexure P-6) submitted by the petitioner by passing a speaking order.

Learned State Counsel does not oppose the said prayer.

In view of the above, with the consent of the parties and without commenting on the merits of the case or on the validity of the alleged marriage of the petitioner and respondent No.4, the present petition is disposed of with a direction to respondent No.3 to consider and decide the representation dated 07.03.2023 (Annexure P-6) submitted by the petitioner by passing a reasoned and speaking order after granting an effective opportunity of hearing to the

parties concerned, within a period of three months from the date of receipt of certified copy of this order.

Petition stands disposed of accordingly.

15.05.2023
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(VINOD S. BHARDWAJ)
JUDGE

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