

2023:PHHC:075868

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

CRWP-5065-2023

Date of Decision: 25.05.2023

SEETA RANI AND ANR.

...Petitioners

Versus

STATE OF PUNJAB AND OTHERS

...Respondents

CORAM:- HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE DEEPAK MANCHANDA

Present: Mr. Sapna Seth, Advocate
for the petitioners.

DEEPAK MANCHANDA J. (ORAL)

The petitioners have approached this Court under Article 226 of the Constitution of India seeking issuance of directions to respondent Nos. 1 to 3 for protecting their lives and personal liberty from respondent Nos.4 and 5.

The contention of learned counsel for the petitioners is that both the petitioners are major, aged above 28 years and above 26 years respectively. In support thereof, copies of Aadhaar Cards pertaining to the petitioners have been appended. The learned counsel for petitioners further contends that they have performed marriage against the wishes of their parents. The marriage of the petitioners was solemnized on 16.05.2023. Copy of Marriage Certificate (Annexure P-3) and photographs of marriage (Annexure P-4) have been appended. The petitioners apprehend threat to their lives and liberty and claim that there is a constant danger of being implicated in a false case. Learned counsel for the petitioners further submits that a representation dated 17.05.2023 (Annexure P-5) has also been sent by the petitioners to the respondent No. 2-Superintendent of Police, District Ferozpur and the same has not been decided till date and he would be satisfied if the said representation is decided in a time bound manner.

Notice of motion restricted to respondents No.1 to 3 only.

Pursuant to supply of advance copy, Mr. P.S. Grewal, DAG Punjab, accepts notice on behalf of respondents No.1 to 3 and has no objection if appropriate directions are given for deciding the representation submitted by the petitioners.

Therefore, without examining the question of legality and validity of the marriage and expressing any opinion thereon, the petition is disposed of with the directions to respondent No. 2-Superintendent of Police, District Ferozpur to look into the grievances of the petitioners as set out in the petition and also expressed in the representation (Annexure P-5) and take appropriate action for protection of their lives and liberty as may be warranted by the circumstances, in accordance with law.

The Registry is directed to send a copy of this order along with copy of the petition to respondent No. 2-Superintendent of Police, District Ferozpur.

The petition is disposed of.

25.05.2023
Ajay Goswami

(DEEPAK MANCHANDA)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned
Whether reportable

Yes/No
Yes/No