

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB & HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

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CRWP-5034-2023

Date of decision: 24.05.2023

Priyanka and another

.....Petitioners

Versus

State of Punjab and others

.....Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE MANJARI NEHRU KAUL

Present : Mr. Lajpat Sharma, Advocate for the petitioners.

MANJARI NEHRU KAUL, 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 protect the life and liberty of the petitioners, who apprehend threat to their life at the hands of private respondents No.4 to 10 who are family members of petitioner No.1.

2. Learned counsel for the petitioners *inter alia* contends that no doubt petitioner No.2 could not have solemnized marriage with petitioner No.1 as he was 19 years of age, however, subsequent to the marriage on 11.05.2023 there was threat to the life of the petitioners at the hands of private respondents. Even though a representation dated 12.05.2023 (Annexure P-5) was made to respondent No.2 for protecting of their life and liberty, however, no steps had been initiated by the SSP concerned to come to their rescue. Learned counsel submits that he would be satisfied if directions are issued to respondent No.2-Senior Superintendent of Police, Fazilka to look into their representation (Annexure P-5) and take appropriate steps at the earliest.

3. Notice of motion to official respondents only.

4. On asking of the Court, Mr. Ramdeep Partap Singh, Sr. DAG, Punjab, accepts notice on behalf of the official respondents.

5. In view of the above, the present petition is disposed of with a directions to respondent No.2-Senior Superintendent of Police, Fazilka to look into the representation dated 12.05.2023 (Annexure P-5) *qua* the alleged threat perception and take necessary steps, as may be required, in accordance with law, to ensure that the life and liberty of the petitioners is not jeopardized at the hands of the private respondents. 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.

24.05.2023

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(MANJARI NEHRU KAUL)
JUDGE

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