

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB & HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

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CRWP-5158-2023

Date of decision: 26.05.2023

Gagandip Singh and another

.....Petitioners

Versus

State of Punjab and others

.....Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE MANJARI NEHRU KAUL

Present : Mr. Sarvesh Kumar Gupta, 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.1 to 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 6 who are stated to be family members of the petitioners.

2. Learned counsel for the petitioners submits that petitioner No.1, aged 28 years and petitioner No.2, aged 20 years, got married on 22.05.2023, against the wishes of their family members, arrayed as respondents No.4 to 6. Ever since then, the petitioners are being threatened with dire consequences by the private respondents. Resultantly, a representation dated 22.05.2023 (Annexure P-5) was also made to respondent No.2-Senior Superintendent of Police, Patiala for protection of their life and liberty but in vain. Learned counsel submits that he would be satisfied if directions are issued to respondent No.2-Senior Superintendent of Police, District Patiala 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. Amit Rana, 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, Patiala to look into the representation dated 22.05.2023 (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.

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(MANJARI NEHRU KAUL)
JUDGE

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