

In the High Court of Punjab and Haryana at Chandigarh

CRWP No. 5633 of 2023
Date of Decision: 05.06.2023

Savita Bhatti and another

.....Petitioners

Versus

State of Punjab and others

.....Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE MANISHA BATRA

Present: Mr. Sheena Khanna , Advocate for the petitioners.

MANISHA BATRA, J. (ORAL)

This petition has been filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India for directing respondents No. 2 and 3 to protect the life and liberty of the petitioners from the hands of respondents No.4 to 8 .

Learned counsel for the petitioners states that both the petitioners are major and have married against the wishes of respondents No. 4 to 8 and have sought protection to their life and liberty. They apprehend danger from respondents No. 4 to 8. Their marriage certificate and photographs evidencing their marriage are on record as Annexure P-3 and Annexure P-4, respectively.

The petitioners have submitted a representation dated 30.05.2023, Annexure P- 5 to Senior Superintendent of Police, District Kapurthala, -respondent No. 2.

Notice of motion to respondents No. 1 to 3 – State only.

On the asking of the Court, Mr. Athar Ahmed, DAG, Punjab accepts notice on behalf of the State.

Without entering upon an exercise to evaluate the evidentiary value of the documents placed on the file, I dispose of the petition with directions to Senior Superintendent of Police, -respondent No. 2 to decide the representation of the petitioners, dated 30.05.2023 (Annexure P-5) and grant them protection, if any threat to their life and liberty is perceived.

It is made clear that this order shall not be taken to protect the petitioners from legal action for violation of law if any committed by them.

(MANISHA BATRA)

JUDGE

05.06.2023

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Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes/No

Whether reportable : Yes/No