

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

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CRWP-6236-2023

Date of Decision: 22.06.2023

Ritika Mathur and another

....Petitioners.

Versus

State of Punjab and others

...Respondents.

CORAM: HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE SUKHVINDER KAUR

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Present: Mr. A.S. Gulati, Advocate for
Mr. Kamal Narula, Advocate
for the petitioners.

SUKHVINDER KAUR, J. (Oral)

Prayer in the instant petition filed under Article 226/227 of the Constitution of India, is for issuance of directions to respondents No.2 and 3 to provide protection of life and liberty to the petitioners, who have married against the wishes of private respondents No.4 to 6.

Learned counsel for the petitioners submits that both the petitioners are major, petitioner No.1 – Ritika Mathur, aged 19 years and petitioner No.2 – Rajat Kumar, aged 21 years and have got married on 19.06.2023, against the wishes of their family members, arrayed as respondents No.4 to 6. The copies of 'Aadhaar' card of petitioners (Annexures P-1 and P-2) have been placed on record. Marriage certificate has also been placed on record as Annexure P-3.

It has been further submitted that the private respondents are threatening to interfere in the marital life of the petitioners. Hence, they are seeking protection in that regard and have approached this Court by way of filing the instant petition.

Notice of motion.

On the asking of the Court Mr. M.S. Bajwa, DAG, Punjab accepts notice on behalf of the respondents-State.

In view of the limited prayer made by the petitioners, the petition is disposed off with a direction to respondent No.2 to look into the representation dated 19.06.2023 (Annexure P-4) at the earliest and take necessary steps, if any 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.

(SUKHVINDER KAUR)
JUDGE

22.06.2023

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