

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

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CRWP-6853-2023

Date of Decision: 13.07.2023

Ashpreet and another

...Petitioners

Versus

State of Punjab and others

...Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE VIKAS SURI

Present:- Mr. Pardeep Kumar Kapila, Advocate
for the petitioners.

VIKAS SURI, J. (Oral)

This is a petition under Article 226 of the Constitution of India seeking protection of life and liberty of the petitioners, who claim to have married against the wishes of their parents, in particular, parents of the bride-petitioner No.1. It is averred that both the petitioners are major. The date of birth of petitioner No.1 is 05.01.2004 as recorded in Aadhaar Card (Annexure P-1) and that of petitioner No.2 is 15.06.2000 as recorded in Aadhaar Card (Annexure P-2). The petitioners have submitted a joint representation dated 25.06.2023 (Annexure P-4), seeking protection of their life and liberty, to the Senior Superintendent of Police, SAS Nagar, Mohali (respondent No.2), but to no avail.

In the above circumstances, seeking protection of their life and liberty, petitioners have approached this Court by way of the present petition.

Notice of motion to respondent Nos.1 to 4 only at this stage.

On advance notice, Mr. Sanish Girdhar, AAG, Punjab, puts in appearance on behalf of the State and waives service.

Heard learned counsel for the parties.

Without expressing any opinion on the merits of the matter and in particular the legality of the alleged marriage, the present petition is disposed of with a direction to the Senior Superintendent of Police, SAS Nagar, Mohali (respondent No.2), to forthwith consider the aforesaid representation dated 25.06.2023 (Annexure P-4) made on behalf of the petitioners and thereafter, take appropriate action on the same as is deemed fit in accordance with law to ensure the protection of life and liberty of the petitioners.

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

July 13, 2023
Harish

(VIKAS SURI)
JUDGE

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