

2023:PHHC:089172

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

CRWP-6977-2023
Date of decision: 17.07.2023

Richa Verma and another ...Petitioners

Versus

State of Punjab and others ...Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARNARESH SINGH GILL

Present:- Ms. Suman Kumari, Advocate,
for the petitioners.

HARNARESH SINGH GILL, J. (ORAL)

This petition has been filed under Article 226 of the Constitution for issuance of a writ in the nature of mandamus directing respondents No.2 and 3 to protect the life and liberty of the petitioners at the hands of respondents No.4 to 7.

Learned counsel for the petitioners states that both the petitioners are major and have married against the wishes of respondents No.4 to 7 and have sought protection to their life and liberty. They apprehend danger at the hands of respondents No.4 to 7. The certificate and photographs evidencing their marriage are on record as Annexure P-3. The petitioners have submitted a representation dated 12.07.2023 (Annexure P-4) to respondent No.2-Senior Superintendent of Police, Patiala, for redressal of their grievance.

Notice of motion to respondents No.1 to 4 and 7 only, at this stage.

On the asking of this Court, Mr. C.L.Pawar, Addl. A. G. Punjab, accepts notice on behalf of respondents No.1 to 3.

Mr. Simranjeet Singh Sarwara, Advocate, puts in appearance and files his power of attorney on behalf of respondents No.4 and 7, and submits that date of birth of petitioner No.2 has been wrongly mentioned in the petition.

Without entering upon an exercise to evaluate the evidentiary value of the documents placed on the file, I dispose of the present petition with a direction to respondent No.2 to decide the representation dated

12.07.2023 (Annexure P-4) moved by the petitioners, and grant protection to them, 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.

At this stage, learned counsel for respondents No.4 and 7 submits that respondents No.4 and 5 want to have an interaction with their daughter-Richa Verma (petitioner No.1).

Learned counsel for the petitioners does not have any objection to said prayer provided such interaction is allowed only in the premises of Police Station City Rajpura, District Patiala.

Learned State counsel submits that respondent No.3-SHO, Police Station City Rajpura, will make necessary arrangements for interaction between respondents No.4 and 5 and the petitioners, at Police Station City Rajpura, District Patiala.

Keeping in view the above, respondents No.4 and 5 and the petitioners are directed to appear before respondent No.3-SHO, Police Station City Rajpura, for interaction on 21.07.2023 or any other date as per their convenience.

Concerned SHO is directed to make all necessary arrangements for the same and also to ensure that no untoward incident takes place.

17.07.2023

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(HARNARESH SINGH GILL)
JUDGE

Whether reasoned/speaking?
Whether reportable?

Yes/No
Yes/No