

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

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CRWP-8762-2023 (O&M)

Date of Decision: 05.09.2023

Kuldeep Kaur and another

...Petitioners

Versus

State of Punjab and others

...Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE VIKAS SURI

Present:- Mr. Harjinder Singh, Advocate,
for the petitioners.

VIKAS SURI, J. (Oral)

Learned counsel for the petitioners submits that the petitioners have married against the wishes of the father and relatives of petitioners and on account of this act on their part, they are under threat of being bodily harmed/eliminated at the hands of respondent Nos.4 to 6. In view of the above, seeking protection, a representation dated 01.09.2023 (Annexure P-5) was made on behalf of the petitioners to the Senior Superintendent of Police, Rupnagar (respondent No.2), but to no avail.

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

A perusal of the record would go to show that the marriage of the petitioners was solemnized on 01.09.2023, representation is also dated 01.09.2023, which was sent on the same day and the present petition was also drafted on 01.09.2023, which is supported by respective affidavit of the

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petitioners attested on 02.09.2023 at Chandigarh and was instituted on 02.09.2023 at 10:26 A.M. At the time of institution of the petition, the said representation would have apparently been in transit. The present petition is prima facie premature, as the petitioners have approached this Court without even waiting for their representation to reach the concerned quarter.

Faced with the above, learned counsel for the petitioners prays for liberty to pursue the representation and states that the petitioners would be satisfied if a direction is issued for expeditious disposal of the said representation, at this stage. It is also submitted that till today, no action has been taken on the said representation.

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, Rupnagar (respondent No.2), to forthwith consider the aforesaid representation dated 01.09.2023 (Annexure P-5) 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.

(VIKAS SURI)
JUDGE

September 05, 2023

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Whether speaking/reasoned Yes/No

Whether reportable Yes/No

