

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

CRWP-8803-2023

Date of Decision: 06.09.2023

SNEHA AND ANOTHER

....Petitioner(s)

VERSUS

STATE OF PUNJAB AND OTHERS

....Respondent(s)

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE VIKAS SURI

Present: Mr. Kuldip Singh, Advocate
for the petitioners.

VIKAS SURI, J. (ORAL)

Prayer in the present petition under Article 226 of the Constitution of India is for issuance of writ in the nature of Mandamus for directing the official respondents to protect the life and personal liberty of the petitioners by providing adequate security/police protection to the petitioners and also directing the official respondents not to allow respondent Nos.4 to 7 to interfere with the liberty and life of the petitioners.

It is submitted that the petitioners fell in love with each other and have decided to mature their relationship into matrimony but their decision has not gone down well with the private respondents. The petitioners have married against their wishes on 03.09.2023. Apprehending threat at the hands of respondent Nos.4 to 7, seeking protection of petitioners' life and liberty, representation dated 03.09.2023 (Annexure P-5) was filed.

Notice of motion.

Mr. Sanish Girdhar, AAG, Punjab, accepts notice on behalf of respondent Nos.1 to 3-State and waives service. He submits that the representation (Annexure P-5) has been received in Police Control Room Branch and has been marked to Deputy Superintendent of Police, for further action.

Heard learned counsel for the parties.

Without expressing any opinion on the merits of the matter or commenting thereon and in particular the legality of alleged marriage, the present petition is disposed of with a direction to respondent No.2, to consider the aforesaid representation dated 03.09.2023 (Annexure P-5) and in case there is any threat perception to the petitioners from the side of the private respondents, to act in accordance with law and if need be, to provide them interim protection.

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.

September 06, 2023
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(VIKAS SURJ)
JUDGE

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