

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

CRWP-9103-2023

Date of Decision: 15.09.2023

SUNANDA CHAWLA AND ANR

....Petitioners

VERSUS

STATE OF PUNJAB AND OTHERS

....Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE VIKAS SURI

Present: Mr. Rakesh Kumar Kachura, 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 themselves to be major. Petitioners have married against the wishes of their parents/private respondents. Petitioner No.1 has submitted representation dated 08.09.2023, seeking protection of petitioners' life and liberty, to the Senior Superintendent of Police, Moga-respondent No.2 (Annexure P-5), but to no avail.

Notice of motion to respondent Nos.1 to 3 only at this stage.

Mr. Sanish Girdhar, AAG, Punjab, accepts notice on behalf of the respondent Nos.1 to 3-State and waives service.

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 the Senior Superintendent of Police, Moga-respondent No.2, to consider the aforesaid representation dated 08.09.2023 (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 15, 2023
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(VIKAS SURI)
JUDGE

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