

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

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CRWP-9304-2023 (O&M)

Date of Decision: 20.09.2023

Nishu Devi and another

...Petitioners

Versus

State of Punjab and others

...Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE VIKAS SURI

Present:- Mr. Bharat Puri, Advocate,
for the petitioners.

VIKAS SURI, J. (Oral)

[1] 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 respondent Nos.4 to 15. The petitioners have submitted representation dated 15.09.2023 (Annexure P-7), seeking protection of their life and liberty, to the Commissioner of Police, Jalandhar-respondent No.2, but to no avail.

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

[3] Mr. Subhash Godara, Addl. A.G., Punjab, accepts notice on behalf of the respondents-State and waives service.

[4] Heard learned counsel for the parties.

[5] 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 Commissioner of Police, Jalandhar-respondent No.2, to consider the aforesaid representation dated 15.09.2023 (Annexure P-7) made by the petitioners and in case there is any threat perception to the petitioners from the side of the private respondent, to act in accordance with law and if need be, to provide them interim protection.

[6] 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 20, 2023
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(VIKAS SURI)
JUDGE

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