

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

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CRWP-9480-2023

Date of Decision: 25.09.2023

Gagandeep Kaur and another

...Petitioners

Versus

State of Punjab and others

...Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE VIKAS SURI

Present:- Mr.Virender Singh, Advocate, for the petitioner.

VIKAS SURI, J. (Oral)

[1] This is a petition under Article 226 of the Constitution of India seeking direction to respondent Nos.2 and 3 for grant of protection to the life and liberty of the petitioners, who claim themselves to be major.

[2] It is pleaded that the petitioners have married against the wishes of parents of petitioner No.1. This action of the petitioners is not to the liking of private respondents and thus, they are threatening them with dire consequences. They are under the apprehension of threat to their life and liberty at the hands of respondent Nos.4 and 5. The petitioners have submitted a representation dated 19.09.2023 (Annexure P-5) to the Senior Superintendent of Police, Police District Patiala-respondent No.2 seeking protection to their life and liberty, but to no avail.

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

[4] Mr. Ravinder Singh, AAG, Punjab, accepts notice on behalf of respondent Nos.1 to 3-State and waives service.

[5] Heard learned counsel for the parties.

[6] Without expressing any opinion on the merits of the case or commenting thereon, the present petition is disposed of with a direction to the Senior Superintendent of Police, Police District Patiala-respondent No.2, to consider the aforesaid representation dated 19.09.2023 (Annexure P-5) and in case there is any threat perception to them from the side of private respondents, to act in accordance with law and if need be, to provide them interim protection.

[7] It is made clear that this order shall not be taken to validate the alleged marriage or protect the petitioners from legal action for violation of law, if any, committed by them.

September 25, 2023

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**(VIKAS SURI)
JUDGE**

Whether speaking/reasoned Yes/No

Whether reportable Yes/No