

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

**CRWP-9888-2023 (O&M)
Date of decision: 18.10.2023.**

Muskan Verma and another

....Petitioners.

Versus

State of Punjab and others

....Respondents.

CORAM:- HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SANJIV BERRY

Present:- Mr. Vishneet Singh Kathpal, Advocate,
for the petitioners.

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SANJIV BERRY, J. (ORAL)

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Keeping in view the averments made in the application, marriage photographs of the petitioners as well as Voter ID Card of petitioner No. 2 are taken on record as Annexures P-5 and P-6, subject to all just exceptions.

2. Disposed of.

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This is a petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India read with Section 482 Cr. P.C for directions to respondents No. 2 and 3 to protect the life and liberty of the petitioners at the hands of private respondents No. 4 to 8.

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2. Learned counsel for the petitioners submits that the petitioners, both major, have solemnized their marriage on 22.09.2023 according to religious rites and ceremonies. He also refers to the marriage certificate dated 22.09.2023 and the photographs (Annexures P-3 and P-5). He also refers to the Aadhar Cards (Annexures P-1 and P-2) of the petitioners to show that the petitioners are major.

3. Learned counsel for the petitioners further submits that private respondents No. 4 to 8 are not accepting the marriage of the petitioners and they apprehend danger to their life and liberty from the private respondents and in this regard they have already moved a representation dated 22.09.2023 (Annexure P-4) before the Senior Superintendent of Police, District Fazilka.

4. Notice of motion.

5. On the asking of the Court, Mr. Subhash Godara, Addl. AG, Punjab, present in Court, accepts notice on behalf of the State-respondents No. 1 to 3.

6. Without commenting on the validity of the marriage, the petition is disposed of with the direction to respondent No. 2 -the Senior Superintendent of Police, Fazilka, District Fazilka, to consider the representation dated 22.09.2023 (Annexure P-4) keeping in view the facts and circumstances of the case and if so warranted, take action, to ensure protection to the life and liberty of the petitioners, strictly in accordance with law.

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7. This order is not to be construed as any opinion with regard to the age of the petitioners or factum or validity of their marriage in any civil or criminal proceedings nor the petitioners would be entitled for any protection against their arrest or continuance of any criminal proceedings, if otherwise, found to be involved in commission of any cognizable offence(s).

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(SANJIV BERRY)
JUDGE

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| i) | Whether speaking/reasoned? | Yes/No |
| ii) | Whether reportable? | Yes/No |