

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

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CRWP-10385-2023

Date of Decision: 20.10.2023

Harpreet Kaur and another

...Petitioners

Versus

State of Punjab and others

...Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE VIKAS SURI

Present:- Mr. Sandeep Sharma, 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.

[2] It is pleaded that both the petitioners were in love since long time and decided to marry with each other and told their parents about their decision but family of petitioner No.2 were not happy with their decision and threatened to eliminate them. Petitioners have tried their best to convince the private respondents for their marriage, but in vain. Petitioners have married each other on 15.10.2023 and informed the private respondents of the same, who came to the house of petitioner No.1 on 16.10.2023 and threatened the petitioners. Apprehending threat, petitioners submitted

representation dated 16.10.2023 (Annexure P-4), seeking protection of their life and liberty, to the Senior Superintendent of Police, District Mohali-respondent No.2, but to no avail.

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

[4] Mr. Amish Sharma, AAG, Punjab, accepts notice on behalf of respondent No.1 to 3 and waives service.

[5] Heard learned counsel for the parties.

[6] 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, District Mohali-respondent No.2, to consider the aforesaid representation dated 16.10.2023 (Annexure P-4) 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.

[7] 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.

October 20, 2023
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(VIKAS SURI)
JUDGE

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