

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

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CRWP-10359-2023

Date of Decision: 20.10.2023

Suraj Kumar and another

...Petitioners

Versus

State of Punjab and others

...Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE VIKAS SURI

Present:- Mr. Gurjant Singh, 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 the parents of petitioner No.2 wanted to marry her against the wishes of petitioner No.2 but she left her matrimonial home on 16.10.2023 and performed marriage with petitioner No.1 against the wishes of her parents. Thereafter, the petitioners have tried their best to convince the parents of petitioner No.2 but all in vain. Respondent Nos.4 to 6 are extending threats to the petitioners of dire consequences. Apprehending danger to the life and liberty of petitioners, petitioner No.2 has submitted representation dated 16.10.2023 (Annexure P-7), seeking protection of life and liberty of the petitioners, to the Commissioner of Police, District Ludhiana-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 Commissioner of Police, District Ludhiana-respondent No.2, to consider the aforesaid representation dated 16.10.2023 (Annexure P-7) 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