

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

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CRWP-10372-2023

Date of Decision: 20.10.2023

Ajay and another

...Petitioners

Versus

State of Punjab and others

...Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE VIKAS SURI

Present:- Mr. Hardeep Singh Brar, 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 her wishes to a boy namely Mohit, but she left her matrimonial home on 15.10.2023 and performed marriage with petitioner No.1 on 16.10.2023 (wrongly mentioned as 17.10.2023) against the wishes of her parents. Thereafter, respondent Nos.4 to 7 are extending threats to the petitioners of dire consequences. Apprehending danger to the life and liberty of the petitioners, petitioner No.2 has submitted representation dated 17.10.2023 (Annexure P-5), seeking protection of life and liberty of the petitioners, to the Commissioner of Police, District Amritsar-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 Amritsar-respondent No.2, to consider the aforesaid representation dated 17.10.2023 (Annexure P-5) 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