

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB & HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

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CRWP-10666-2023

Date of decision: 06.11.2023

Navneet Kaur @ Navnit Kaur and another

.....Petitioners

Versus

State of Punjab and others

.....Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE MANJARI NEHRU KAUL

Present : Mr. Puneet Singla, Advocate for the petitioners.

MANJARI NEHRU KAUL, J. (ORAL)

1. Prayer in the instant petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India, is for issuance of directions to respondents No.2 and 3, to protect the life and liberty of the petitioners, who apprehend threat to their life at the hands of private respondents No.4 to 7.

2. Learned counsel for the petitioners submits that petitioner No.1, aged about 26 years and petitioner No.2, aged about 28 years, got married on 30.10.2023, against the wishes of respondents No.4 to 7. Ever since then, the petitioners are being threatened with dire consequences by the private respondents. Resultantly, a representation dated 30.10.2023 (Annexure P-6) was also made to respondent No.2-Senior Superintendent of Police, Ferozepur for protection of their life and liberty but in vain. Learned counsel submits that he would be satisfied if directions are issued to respondent No.2-Senior Superintendent of Police, Ferozepur to look into their representation dated 30.10.2023 (Annexure P-6) and take appropriate steps at the earliest.

3. Notice of motion.

4. On asking of the Court, Mr. Mohit Kapoor, Addl. A.G., Punjab, accepts notice on behalf of the official respondents.

5. At this stage, Mr. Neeraj Madaan, Advocate has put in appearance and filed his memorandum of appearance on behalf of respondents No.4 to 7 which is taken on record. He submits that there has been misrepresentation by learned counsel appearing for the petitioners that it was the first marriage of petitioner No.2, however, the fact of the matter is that it is his second marriage.

6. Learned counsel for the petitioners has filed a copy of decree of divorce, wherein it stands reflected that marriage of petitioner No.2 stands dissolved under Section 13-B of the Hindu Marriage Act, 1955. The same is taken on record subject to all just exceptions.

7. In view of the above, the present petition is disposed of with a directions to respondent No.2-Senior Superintendent of Police, Ferozepur to look into the representation dated 30.10.2023 (Annexure P-6) *qua* the alleged threat perception and take necessary steps, as may be required, in accordance with law, to ensure that the life and liberty of the petitioners is not jeopardized at the hands of the private respondents. However, this direction will not validate the marriage said to have taken place between the parties and will have no effect on any civil or criminal action, which could be initiated in the matter in accordance with law.

06.11.2023

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(MANJARI NEHRU KAUL)
JUDGE

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