

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

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CRWP-10709-2023

Date of Decision: 03.11.2023

Rajni Bala and another

.....Petitioners

Versus

State of Punjab and others

...Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE VIKAS SURI

Present:- Mr. Kapil Khanna, Advocate, for the petitioners.

VIKAS SURI, J. (Oral)

1. Prayer in this present petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India is for issuance of directions to respondent Nos.2 and 3 to protect the life and liberty of the petitioners threatened at the hands of respondent Nos.4 to 7.

2. At the very outset, learned counsel for the petitioners submits that inadvertently, para No.7 has been incorporated on account of a typographical error and same be treated as deleted from the present petition.

3. Learned counsel for the petitioners submits that the petitioners are adults. Petitioner No.1 is 42 years of age, whereas petitioner No.2 is 21 years of age. Petitioners belong to different castes and have married against the wishes of private respondents, who are not happy with their decision and have threatened them with dire consequences. Petitioners have submitted representation dated 30.10.2023 (Annexure P-4), seeking protection of their

life and liberty, to the Commissioner of Police, District Jalandhar-respondent No.2, but to no avail.

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

5. Mr. Sanish Girdhar, AAG, Punjab, accepts notice on behalf of respondent Nos.1 to 3 and waives service.

6. Heard learned counsel for the parties.

7. 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 Jalandhar-respondent No.2, to consider the aforesaid representation dated 30.10.2023 (Annexure P-4) and in case there is any threat perception to the petitioners from the side of private respondents, to act in accordance with law and if need be, to provide them interim protection.

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.

November 03, 2023

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**(VIKAS SURI)
JUDGE**

Whether speaking/reasoned Yes/No

Whether reportable Yes/No