

**IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH**

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CRWP-12120-2022

Decided on : 10.01.2023

Sonam Devi and another

. . . Petitioner(s)

Versus

State of Punjab and others

. . . Respondent(s)

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SANJAY VASHISTH

PRESENT: Mr. Sandeep Godara, Advocate
for the petitioners.

SANJAY VASHISTH, J. (Oral)

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 provide protection of lives and liberty of the petitioners, who have married against the wishes of private respondents.

2. Learned counsel for the petitioners submits that petitioner No.1 – Sonam Devi, aged about 24 ½ years and petitioner No.2 – Buta Ram, aged about 29 ½ years, have solemnized marriage on 17.12.2022, against the wishes of their family members, arrayed as respondents No.4 to 6. Learned counsel for the petitioners further submits that it is the first marriage of both the petitioners. It has been submitted that the private respondents are threatening to interfere in the matrimonial life of the petitioners. Hence, the petitioners are seeking protection in that regard and have approached this Court by way of filing the instant petition. They have also submitted a representation dated 19.12.2022 (Annexure P-4), to respondent No.2 – Senior Superintendent of Police, Pathankot, wherein, they have expressed their apprehension.

3. Notice of motion.
4. On asking of the Court, Mr. J.S. Arora, DAG, Punjab, accepts notice on behalf of respondents No.1 to 3 (State).
5. In view of the above, the present petition is disposed of with a direction to respondent No.2 – Senior Superintendent of Police, Pathankot, to look into the representation dated 19.12.2022 (Annexure P-4), *qua* threat perception, and if there is any substance in it, take necessary steps, in accordance with law, to ensure that the lives and liberty of the petitioners are not jeopardized at the hands of the private respondents.
6. 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.

(SANJAY VASHISTH)
JUDGE

January 10, 2023

J.Ram/kavita

Whether speaking/reasoned: *Yes/No*
Whether Reportable: *Yes/No*