

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA  
AT CHANDIGARH

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CRWP No.11462 of 2023 (O&M)  
DATE OF DECISION : 29<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER, 2023

NAZMA AND ANR

.... Petitioners

Versus

STATE OF HARYANA AND OTHERS

.... Respondents

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE RAJBIR SEHRAWAT

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Present : Mr. Khalid Tauru, Advocate for the petitioners.

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RAJBIR SEHRAWAT, J. (Oral)

CRM-W-1713-2023

The application is allowed as prayed for.

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1. The present petition has been filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India for issuance of direction to the official respondents No.1 to 3 to protect the life and liberty of the petitioners at the hands of respondents No.4 to 7, not to harass or interfere in the peaceful married life of the petitioners; along with certain other prayers.
2. The counsel for the petitioners has submitted that he has verified the identity of the petitioners.
3. The petitioners seek protection of their life and liberty by contending that both of them having attained the age of majority, have married each other against the wishes of their respective family members/respondents No.4 to 7 and to seek appropriate protection from the authorities. They claim to have submitted a representation (Annexure P-4) in this regard to respondent No.2, on 20.11.2023, but are still

apprehensive about their safety and security in view of the alleged inaction of the police and the alleged clout of their family members/respondents.

4. Notice of motion.

5. Ms. Aditi Girdhar, AAG, Haryana, accepts notice on behalf of the State.

6. Both the petitioners do appear to have crossed the age of majority as seen from the copies of documents filed and claim to have married each other, in support of which marriage certificate (Annexure P-3) has been placed on record.

7. For the aforesaid reasons, this appears to be a fit case for this Court to invoke the writ jurisdiction under Article 226 of the Constitution of India to ensure the right to life and liberty as guaranteed to them by Article 21 of the Constitution.

8. Thus, the respondent No.2-Superintendent of Police, Palwal, Haryana is directed to consider the representation dated 20.11.2023 (Annexure-P-4) and take appropriate steps to ensure that no harm is caused to the life and liberty of the petitioners. It is nevertheless clarified that this order is issued only on the premise that the petitioners have crossed the age of majority; as seen from the documents placed on record; being Aadhaar Cards of both the petitioners (Annexures P-1 & P-2). The petitioners have produced on record the marriage certificate (Annexure P-3) qua their stated marriage. However, this order would not *ipso facto* amount to granting any seal of approval on the legality of their marriage, which essentially would come in the domain of the concerned

Matrimonial Courts. Further, they would not be entitled for any protection against their arrest or continuance of any criminal proceedings, if otherwise, found to be involved in commission of any cognizable offence(s).

9. The petition is disposed of with the above direction.

**29<sup>th</sup> November, 2023**  
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**(RAJBIR SEHRAWAT)**  
**JUDGE**

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| <i>Whether speaking/reasoned:</i> | <i>Yes</i> | <i>No</i> |
| <i>Whether Reportable:</i>        | <i>Yes</i> | <i>No</i> |