

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

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CRWP-12139-2023

Date of Decision: 16.12.2023

Sukhraj Singh and another

...Petitioners

Versus

State of Punjab and others

...Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE VIKAS SURI

Present:- Ms. Himani, Advocate for
Mr. Vikrant Pujara, Advocate, for the petitioners.

VIKAS SURI, J. (Oral)

1. Through this petition under Article 226 of the Constitution of India, the petitioners namely Sukhraj Singh and Gurbinder Kaur, have approached this Court seeking protection of life and personal liberty at the hands of private respondent Nos.4 to 7.

2. The contention of the petitioners is that both are major, aged 24 and 22 years, respectively. In support thereof, copy of Aadhaar cards pertaining to the petitioners have been appended as Annexures P-1 and P-2. The petitioners further contend that they have performed marriage against the wishes of the private respondent on 05.12.2023. The marriage was performed at Gurudwara Dukh Niwaran Sahib, Ludhiana, according to Sikh Rites and Ceremonies. A copy of the marriage certificate dated 05.12.2023 (Annexure P-3) issued by the aforesaid Gurudwara has also been appended. The petitioners apprehend threat to their lives and claim that there is a constant danger of being implicated in a false case.

3. Notice of motion restricted to respondents No.1 to 3 only.

4. Mr. Gurlal Singh Dhillon, AAG, Punjab, accepts notice on behalf of the respondent Nos.1 to 3 and waives service.

5. Learned counsel for the petitioners states that representation dated 06.12.2023 (Annexure P-5) has also been submitted to respondent No.2-Commissioner of Police, Ludhiana, District Ludhiana, but to no avail.

6. Learned State counsel has no objection if appropriate direction for providing requisite protection to the petitioners is issued.

7. Without examining the question of legality and validity of the marriage and expressing any opinion thereon, the present petition is disposed of with the directions to respondent No. 2-Commissioner of Police, Ludhiana, District Ludhiana, to look into the grievances of the petitioners as set out in the petition in light of the representation (Annexure P-5) and take appropriate action for protection of their lives and liberty as may be warranted by the circumstances.

8. However, it is clarified that this order shall not be taken to validate the alleged marriage and in case any criminal case has been/is registered against the petitioners, nothing in this order shall be construed as a bar for taking appropriate action by the police authorities in respect thereof, in accordance with law.

9. Disposed of.

December 16, 2023

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**(VIKAS SURI)
JUDGE**

Whether speaking/reasoned Yes/No

Whether reportable Yes/No