

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

CRWP-1090-2024
DECIDED ON: 22.02.2024

MUKKO AND ANR.

.....PETITIONERS

VERSUS

STATE OF PUNJAB AND OTHERS

.....RESPONDENTS

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SANDEEP MOUDGIL

Present: Mr. Shadbad Ahmad, Advocate
for the petitioners.

Mr. Jasjit Singh Rattu, DAG Punjab.

SANDEEP MOUDGIL, J (ORAL)

1. Learned counsel for the petitioners seeks protection of life and liberty of the petitioners by contending that both of them having attained the age of majority, have married each other against the wishes of their respective family members respondent Nos.4 to 6 and to seek appropriate protection from the authorities. They submitted a representation dated 30.01.2024 (Annexure P-3), in this regard to the Senior Superintendent of Police, Mansa, but are still apprehensive about their security in view of the apparent inaction and alleged clout of their family members-respondents.
2. This Court on 05.02.2024 called upon for a status report from the Senior Superintendent of Police, Mansa, who has produced the same by way of an affidavit dated 22.02.2024, wherein paras 4 & 6 read as under:-

That it is, respectfully, submitted that on receipt of copy of order dated 05.02.2024, applicant had entrusted the matter for enquiry and report to DSP Mansa.

(i) Perusal of enquiry report bearing No. 60/5cm, Dated 15.02.2024, submitted by DSP Mansa reveals that on receipt of application moved by the petitioners, against the private respondents No. 4 to 6, apprehending threat to the petitioners from the hands of private respondents, both the petitioners and private respondents were joined in the enquiry proceedings and their statements were recorded. From the statements of the petitioners and private respondents, enquiry officer has ascertained that Respondent No.6 Amarjit Kaur is the mother of petitioner No.1 Mukko, whereas, Respondent No.4 & 5 are the Brother-In-Law(s) (Jija) of Petitioner No.1 Mukko. In the statement private respondents had recorded that Petitioner No.1 Mukko had gone to the house of her eldest sister namely Pushpa wife of Respondent No.4 Jagjit Singh resident of Moosa, about 15 days ago. From where, Petitioner No.1 Mukko had gone with Petitioner No.2 Arvind Singh. However, private Respondents had stated that they are having no objection with petitioner No.1 Mukko resides with Petitioner No.2 Arvind Singh. Whereas, Petitioners had recorded in their statement that both of them out of their free Will had solemnized marriage on 31.01.2024. It was also mentioned by the petitioners that out of threat from the hands of private Respondents No.4 to 6, they had filed a protection petition bearing No. CRWP-1090-2024, before the Hon'ble Punjab and Haryana High Court at Chandigarh, seeking police protection. Apart from this an application was also stated to be moved by the petitioners, before the office of S.S.P. Mansa, against the private respondents and their family members, seeking police protection in respect of their life and liberty. As per the statements of the petitioners, they are presently residing at Ward No.01, Mansa, with their free Will and are feeling safe, as such, request was made by the petitioners for not to proceed any action on the application moved by the petitioners. Hence, recommendation was made by the DSP Mansa, that no police action is required to be proceeded in respect of the application moved by the petitioners, as such, application moved by the petitioners is required to be consigned.”

3. This Court is duly convinced that no threat perception exists to the lives and liberty of the petitioners, who themselves have made a statement before the police authorities with regard to the same. Hence, this petition does not warrant any order or inference whatsoever from this Court and the same is ordered to be dismissed being devoid of merits.

22.02.2024

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(SANDEEP MOUDGIL)
JUDGE

<i>Whether speaking/reasoned</i>	<i>Yes/No</i>
<i>Whether reportable</i>	<i>Yes/No</i>