

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

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CRWP No.2021 of 2024
Date of Decision: 05.03.2024

ARSHDEEP KAUR AND ANOTHERPetitioners

Vs

STATE OF PUNJAB AND OTHERS ...Respondents

CORAM: *HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARKESH MANUJA*

Present: Mr. Hardik Ahluwalia, Advocate
for the petitioners.

HARKESH MANUJA, J. (Oral)

[1]. Present criminal writ petition under Article 226 of the Constitution of India has been filed by the petitioners praying for protection to their life and liberty, in view of the marriage solemnized by them against the wishes of respondent Nos.4 to 8.

[2]. Upon advance notice, Mr. Kewal Singh, Addl. A.G., Punjab appears on behalf of respondent Nos.1 to 3. Requisite copies of the petition have already been supplied to the respondent-State by the learned counsel for the petitioners. Ms. Rashika Bansal, Advocate appears on behalf of respondents No.5 and 6 and on her oral request, respondent Nos.5 and 6 were allowed to interact with petitioner No.1.

[3]. Paper-book reveals that marriage of petitioner Nos.1 and 2 was solemnized on 27.02.2024. The documents annexed by the petitioners with the petition including their Aadhar Cards (Annexures P-1 and P-2) show that both are

major and duly identified by their counsel, but apprehending danger to their life and liberty at the hands of respondent Nos.4 to 8.

[4]. Apprehending threat to their life and liberty, petitioners have already approached respondent No.2 by way of representation dated 28.02.2024 (Annexure P-5).

[5]. Accordingly, the present petition is disposed of, with a direction to respondent No.2- Senior Superintendent of Police, Gurdaspur, Punjab to look into the representation dated 28.02.2024 (Annexure P-5) and in case he finds any threat perception to the petitioners, appropriate steps be taken to protect their life and liberty and also ensure that no harm is caused to the petitioners by forcibly taking them in custody on the allegations that petitioner No.1 has been kidnapped, abducted or raped by petitioner No.2.

[6]. However, it is made clear that this order may not be construed as expression of an opinion on legality and validity of the marriage of the petitioners.

[7]. In case any criminal case is pending against petitioner No.2, this order shall not be any hindrance for the Investigating agency to proceed according to law.

March 05, 2024	(HARKESH MANUJA)
<i>Atik</i>	JUDGE
Whether speaking/reasoned	Yes/No
Whether reportable	Yes/No