

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB & HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

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CRWP-2194-2024

Date of decision: 11.03.2024

Sonia and another

.....Petitioners

Versus

State of Punjab and others

.....Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE MANJARI NEHRU KAUL

Present : Mr. Armaan Gagneja, Advocate for the petitioners.

MANJARI NEHRU KAUL, J. (ORAL)

1. 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 protect the life and liberty of the petitioners, who apprehend threat to their life at the hands of private respondents No.4 to 6, who are stated to be family members of petitioner No.1.

2. Learned counsel for the petitioners submits that petitioner No.1, aged 18 years and petitioner No.2, aged 31 years, got married on 02.02.2024, against the wishes of respondents No.4 to 6. Ever since then, the petitioners are being threatened with dire consequences by the private respondents. Resultantly, a representation dated 27.02.2024 (Annexure P-4) was also made to respondent No.2-Senior Superintendent of Police, Muktsar, District Sri Muktsar Sahib for protection of their life and liberty but in vain.

3. On a pointed query put to the learned counsel for the petitioners as to what was the date of birth of petitioner No.1, he has submitted that it is 30.09.2005. On a further query as to whether any

criminal case had been lodged against petitioner No.2 with respect to kidnapping/abduction etc. of petitioner No.1, he has categorically replied in the negative.

4. Learned counsel for the petitioners submits that he would be satisfied if directions are issued to respondent No.2-Senior Superintendent of Police, Muktsar, District Sri Muktsar Sahib to look into their representation dated 27.02.2024 (Annexure P-4) and take appropriate steps at the earliest.

5. Notice of motion.

6. On asking of the Court, Mr. Amit Rana, Sr. DAG, Punjab, accepts notice on behalf of the official respondents.

7. In view of the above, the present petition is disposed of with directions to respondent No.2-Senior Superintendent of Police, Muktsar, District Sri Muktsar Sahib to look into the representation dated 27.02.2024 (Annexure P-4) *qua* the alleged threat perception and take necessary steps, as may be required, in accordance with law, to ensure that the life and liberty of the petitioners is not jeopardized at the hands of the private respondents. 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.

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(MANJARI NEHRU KAUL)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned	:	Yes/No
Whether reportable	:	Yes/No