

**IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH**

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CRWP-2473-2024

Date of decision: 18.03.2024

Mafi Devi and another

...Petitioners

Versus

State of Haryana and others

...Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MS. JUSTICE KIRTI SINGH

Present:-. Mr. Govind Mor, Advocate for the petitioners.

KIRTI SINGH, J.(Oral)

1. By way of the present criminal writ petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India the petitioners are praying for protection to their life and liberty, in view of the marriage solemnized by them against the wish of respondents No.4 to 6.

2. Upon advance notice, Mr. Chetan Sharma, DAG, Haryana appears on behalf of respondents No.1 to 3. Requisite copies of the petition have already been supplied to the respondent-State by the learned counsel for the petitioners.

3. Paper-book reveals that marriage of petitioners No.1 and 2 was solemnized on 02.02.2024. 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 6.

4. Apprehending threat to their life and liberty, petitioners have already approached respondent No.2 by way of representation dated 11.12.2024 (Annexure P-5).

5. Accordingly, the present petition is disposed of, with a direction to respondent No.2- Senior Superintendent of Police, District Karnal to look into the representation dated 11.12.2024 (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.1, this order shall not be any hindrance for the Investigating Agency to proceed according to law.

(KIRTI SINGH)
JUDGE

18.03.2024

Rajeev(rvs)

Whether speaking/reasoned

Yes/No

Whether reportable

Yes/No