

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB & HARYANA AT CHANDIGARH

Crl. Writ Petition No. 2490 of 2024
Date of Decision: March 18, 2024

Jashanpreet Kaur and another
.....Petitioners
versus

State of Punjab and others
.....Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE HARPREET SINGH BRAR

Present:- Ms. Deepshivjyot Kaur, Advocate for
Ms. Manisha Kumari, Advocate
for the petitioners

Mr. Subhash Godara, Addl. A.G. Punjab

Harpreet Singh Brar, J. (Oral)

1. The present petition has been filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India for issuance of a direction to respondents No. 2 and 3 to protect the life and liberty of the petitioners and to restrain the private respondents No. 4 to 6 not to interfere in their peaceful life.
2. Learned counsel for the petitioners contends that the petitioners have married against the wishes of respondents No.4 to 6 and they claim themselves to be major and seek protection to their life and liberty. They apprehend danger from respondents No.4 to 8. They have placed on record marriage certificate (Annexure P-3) to substantiate their claim. The petitioners have also submitted a representation dated 13.03.2024 (Annexure P-4) to respondent No.2 but no action has been taken so far.
3. Notice of motion to official respondents only.

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4. Mr. Subhash Godara, Addl. A.G. Punjab, who is present in Court accepts notice for the official respondents. Counsel for the petitioners is directed to supply a copy of complete paper book to the counsel appearing for the State during the course of the day.

5. Without commenting on the validity of the marriage allegedly performed by the petitioners and entering upon an exercise to evaluate the evidentiary value of the documents placed on the file, I dispose of this petition with direction to respondent No.2 to decide the representation of the petitioners (Annexure P-4) within a period of one week from the date of receipt of a copy of this order and grant them protection, if there is any threat to their life and liberty in accordance with law. It is made clear that this order shall not be taken to protect the petitioners from legal action for violation of law, if any committed by them.

(HARPREET SINGH BRAR)
JUDGE

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Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes/No
Whether Reportable : Yes/No