

**In the High Court for the States of Punjab and Haryana
At Chandigarh**

CRWP-3169-2024 (O&M)
Date of Decision:-10.04.2024

Nikita Kumari and another ... Petitioners

Versus

State of Punjab and others ... Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE GURVINDER SINGH GILL

Present:- Mr. Sandeep K. Bansal, Advocate for the petitioners.

GURVINDER SINGH GILL, J.(Oral)

1. Petitioner No.1-Nikita Kumari aged about 21 years and petitioner No.2-Mohd. Yaseen aged about 27 years have approached this Court seeking issuance of a direction to official respondents to protect their lives and liberty as they apprehend threat to the same at the hands of private respondents, having married against the wishes of their families. While petitioner No.2 is 'Muslim' by religion, petitioner No.1 is 'Hindu' by religion and is stated to have converted to 'Muslim'.
2. Without commenting as regards the veracity of the averments made in the petition and also as regards the validity of alleged marriage or age of the petitioners, the petition is disposed of with a direction to respondent No.2-Senior Superintendent of Police, SAS Nagar, Mohali, to look into the matter and to dispose off the representation dated 05.04.2024 (Annexure P-4) in accordance with law. In case, it is found that there is a genuine threat to the lives and liberty of the petitioners, then necessary steps warranted under law

be taken thereupon at the earliest so as to ensure that no harm is caused to the petitioners.

3. A copy of this order alongwith copy of the representation dated 05.04.2024 (Annexure P-4) be sent to respondent No.2-Senior Superintendent of Police, SAS Nagar, Mohali, so as to enable him to do the needful expeditiously.
4. It is, however, clarified that the aforesaid order shall not be taken to be any expression as regards the validity of marriage or age of the petitioners and shall not confer any immunity upon the petitioners, in case it is found that they have committed any wrong.

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(GURVINDER SINGH GILL)
JUDGE

Whether speaking /reasoned

Yes / No

Whether Reportable

Yes / No