

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB & HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

CRWP-3589-2024
Date of Decision: 23.04.2024

Ramandeep Kaur and another
..... Petitioners

Versus

State of Punjab and others
..... Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARSH BUNGER

Present: Ms. Ekta Garg, Advocate
for the petitioners.

HARSH BUNGER J. (ORAL)

1. Petitioners have filed the instant petition under Article 226 of the Constitution of India for issuance of directions to respondents No.1 to 3 to provide them the protection of life and liberty as they have married against wishes of private respondents No.4 to 7.
2. Learned counsel for the petitioners submits that petitioner No.1 – Ramandeep Kaur, aged about 20 years and petitioner No.2 – Rajwant Singh, aged about 27 years, have got married on 12.04.2024, against wishes of the family members/relatives/friends of petitioner No. 1 (Ramandeep Kaur), arrayed as respondents No.4 to 7. It has been further submitted that private respondents are threatening and trying to interfere in the marital life of petitioners. Hence, they are seeking protection in this regard and have approached this Court by way of filing the instant petition.

3. Notice of motion to respondents No.1 to 3/State only.
4. At the asking of Court, Mr. Ankit Grewal, Deputy Advocate General, Punjab, who is present in the Court, accepts notice on behalf of respondents No.1 to 3/State.
5. In view of the above, present petition is disposed of with a direction to respondent No.2 – Senior Superintendent of Police, Malerkotla, Punjab to look into representation dated 15.04.2024 (Annexure P-5) *qua* threat perception, if any, and take necessary steps, if any required, in accordance with law to ensure that life and liberty of the petitioners is not jeopardized at the hands of private respondents No.4 to 7.
6. However, this direction shall not be construed to validate the marriage, said to have taken place between the petitioners. This order shall also not be taken to protect the petitioners from legal action for violation of law, if any, committed by them and will have no effect on any civil or criminal action, which could be initiated in the matter in accordance with law.
7. Present petition is accordingly disposed of.
8. All pending application(s), if any, shall also stand closed.

23.04.2024

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(HARSH BUNGER)
JUDGE

1. Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes/No
2. Whether reportable : Yes/No