

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA  
AT CHANDIGARH

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CRWP No.3586 of 2024  
Date of Decision: 02.05.2024

SIMRAN KAUR AND ANOTHER .....Petitioners

Vs

STATE OF PUNJAB AND OTHERS ...Respondents

CORAM: *HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARKESH MANUJA*

Present: Mr. L.S. Lakhanpal, Advocate  
for the petitioners.

Mr. Athar Ahmed, DAG, Punjab.

Mr. Anantdeep Singh, Advocate  
for respondent Nos.4 and 5.

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**HARKESH MANUJA, J. (Oral)**

[1]. Present criminal writ petition under Article 226 of the Constitution of India has been filed by the petitioners praying for protection to their life and liberty, in view of the marriage solemnized by them against the wishes of respondent Nos.4 to 14.

[2]. Vide order dated 24.04.2024, both the parties were even referred to Mediation and Conciliation Centre of this Court where a settlement has been arrived at between them vide agreement dated 29.04.2024.

[3]. Paper-book reveals that marriage of petitioner Nos.1 and 2 was solemnized on 16.04.2024. 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 14.

[4].           Apprehending threat to their life and liberty, petitioners have already approached respondent No.2 by way of representation dated 17.04.2024 (Annexure P-4).

[5].           Accordingly, the present petition is disposed of, with a direction to respondent No.2- Senior Superintendent of Police, Fatehgarh Sahib, to look into the representation dated 17.04.2024 (Annexure P-4) 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.2, this order shall not be any hindrance for the Investigating agency to proceed according to law.

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| <b>May 02, 2024</b>       | <b>(HARKESH MANUJA)</b> |
| <i>Atik</i>               | <b>JUDGE</b>            |
| Whether speaking/reasoned | Yes/No                  |
| Whether reportable        | Yes/No                  |