



IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB & HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

105

CRWP-5145-2024 (O&M)
Date of decision: 05.06.2024

BHAWNA AND ANOTHER

...Petitioners

Versus

STATE OF PUNJAB AND OTHERS

...Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MS. JUSTICE HARPREET KAUR JEEWAN

Present : Mr. Fatehjeet Singh, Advocate
for the petitioners.

HARPREET KAUR JEEWAN, J.

CRM-W-732-2024

- [1] The present application has been filed for placing on record photographs of the petitioners marriage as Annexure P-6.
- [2] For the reasons mentioned in the application, the same is allowed.
- [3] Annexure P-6 is taken on record subject to all just exceptions.
- [4] Office to tag the same at appropriate place.

Main case

- [1] The prayer in the instant petition filed under Article 226/227 of the Constitution of India is for issuance of writ in the nature of mandamus directing the official respondents to protect the life and liberty of the petitioners from the hands of private respondents No. 4 to 10, who have married against the wishes of



private respondents.

[2] The learned counsel for the petitioners submits that petitioner No.1-Bhawna aged about 23 years and petitioner No.2-Kamaljit, aged about 28 years have got married on 27.05.2024 according to Sikh rites and ceremonies against the wishes of respondents No.4 to 10, who are family members of the petitioners. The marriage certificate is annexed as Annexure P-3. However, they are apprehending threat from the hands of respondents No.4 to 10. On 27.05.2024, the petitioners feeling imminent danger to their life and liberty approached respondent No.2-Senior Superintendent of Police, Jalandhar (Rural) and a written representation dated 27.05.2024 (Annexure P-4) has been submitted but till date no police protection has been provided to the petitioners and they are facing constant threat from the private respondents No.4 to 10.

[3] Notice of motion.

[4] On the asking of the Court, Mr. Kuljit Singh, Addl. A.G., Punjab, who is present in the Court accepts notice on behalf of the official respondents.

[5] In support of petitioners being major they have filed the photocopies of their Aadhar Cards and an affidavit in support of the averments made in the petition wherein petitioner No.1-Bhawna has alleged her date of birth as 25.09.2001 and petitioner No.2-Kamaljit has alleged his date of birth as 03.09.1996. Apart from this, copy of the marriage certificate and the representation given to the respondent No.2 have also been placed on record.

[6] In view of this, the present petition is disposed of with a direction to respondent No.2-Senior Superintendent of Police, Jalandhar (Rural) to look into the representation dated 27.05.2024, qua threat perception and if there is any

substance in it, take necessary steps, in accordance with law, to ensure that lives and liberty of petitioners is not jeopardized at the hands of the private respondents.

[7] This order may not be construed as an opinion regarding validity of the marriage alleged to have been solemnized by the petitioners.

[8] Further, it is made clear that if any of the averments made in the petition is found to be incorrect, specifically with regard to age of the petitioners or the petitioners being in any prohibited relationship to each other, or as regards their previous marital status, this order shall not be construed to be a bar on proceedings to be initiated as per law.

[9] All pending miscellaneous application(s), if any, stands disposed of.

(HARPREET KAUR JEEWAN)
JUDGE

05.06.2024
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Whether speaking/reasoned	Yes/No
Whether reportable	Yes/No