

**IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH**

(107)

**CRWP-5369-2024
Date of Decision : June 07, 2024**

Neelam and another

.. Petitioners

Versus

State of Punjab and others

.. Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARSIMRAN SINGH SETHI

Present: Mr. Arshit Goel, Advocate,
(joined through VC) with
Mr. Harpinder Singh, Advocate, for the petitioners.

Mr. Kuljit Singh, Addl. Advocate General, Punjab.

HARSIMRAN SINGH SETHI J. (ORAL)

1. The petitioners are seeking a direction from this Court to respondents No. 1 to 3 to protect their life and liberty as they apprehend danger to their life & liberty from respondents No. 4 to 7 i.e. parents/relatives of petitioner No. 1, who are objecting to the marriage of the petitioners.
2. Learned counsel for the petitioners submits that petitioner No.1 is 18 years of age whereas petitioner No.2 is 19 years of age and is yet to attain the marriageable age. Learned counsel for the petitioners further submits that as the petitioner No. 1 was apprehending threat to her life and liberty, she left her house and is now living with petitioner No. 2. Learned counsel for the petitioners further submits that the petitioners have already approached respondent No. 2-the Senior Superintendent of Police, District

Patiala by filing a representation dated 03.06.2024 (Annexure P-5), which is still pending consideration with the said authority and the petitioners will be satisfied, in case a time bound direction is issued to respondent No. 2 to decide the same by passing an appropriate speaking order.

3. Notice of motion to respondents No.1 to 3 only.

4. Mr. Kuljit Singh, learned Additional Advocate General, Punjab, who is present in the Court, keeping in view the service of advance copy of petition, accepts notice on behalf of respondents No.1 to 3. Learned State counsel raises no objection in deciding the representation dated 03.06.2024 (Annexure P-5) in a time bound manner.

5. Without making any observation on the merits of the case, a direction is issued to respondent No. 2 to take appropriate decision on the representation, which the petitioners alleged to have made on 03.06.2024 (Annexure P-5), expressing apprehension about danger to their life and liberty at the hands of respondents No. 4 to 7 within a period of four weeks from the date of receipt of the copy of this order. In case any merit is found in the representation, the appropriate action will be taken by respondent No. 2 to ensure that no harm is caused to the life and liberty of the petitioners at the hands of the private respondents.

6. The present petition stands disposed of.

June 07, 2024

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(HARSIMRAN SINGH SETHI)

JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes/No

Whether reportable : Yes/No