



IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

(116)

CRWP No. 5450 of 2024
Date of Decision : 07.06.2024

Shivani Rani and another

...Petitioners

Versus

State of Punjab and others

...Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARSIMRAN SINGH SETHI

Present: Mr. Jasvir Singh Dhaliwal, Advocate for the petitioners.
Mr. Kuljit Singh, Addl. A.G., 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 solemnized by the petitioners.
2. Learned counsel for the petitioners argues that it is most likely that the private respondents might cause physical harm to the petitioners as they have solemnized the marriage against the wishes of respondents No. 4 to 7. Learned counsel for the petitioners further argues that both the petitioners have attained the age of majority and have solemnized their marriage according to Sikh Rites and rituals on dated



06.06.2024 as per Annexure P-3 and they want to live their independent life without any interference from the parents/relatives of the petitioner No.1 i.e. respondents No. 4 to 7. Learned counsel for the petitioners has drawn attention of this Court to the representation dated 06.06.2024 (Annexure P-5) made by the petitioners to respondent No.2-Superintendent of Police, Sangrur, District Sangrur and respondent No.3-Station House Officer, Police Station Cheema, District Sangrur seeking protection to their life and liberty.

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, accepts notice on behalf of State of Punjab-respondents No.1 to 3.

5. Without making any observation on the merits of the case, especially in respect of the validity of marriage performed by the petitioners, a direction is hereby issued to respondent No. 2 to take appropriate decision on the representation, which the petitioners alleged to have made on 06.06.2024 (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 two 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. It is clarified that this order shall not be treated as an approval of this Court about the marriage of the petitioners and no opinion with regard to the validity of the marriage has been expressed in this order.

7. 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