

**CRWP-6541-2024****1****IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT
CHANDIGARH****109****CRWP-6541-2024****Date of Decision: 12.07.2024****AKSHAY KUMAR AND ANR****.....Petitioners*****Versus*****STATE OF PUNJAB AND ORS****.....Respondents****CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE GURBIR SINGH.****Present: Mr. Tajeshwar Singh Sullar, Advocate for the petitioners.****GURBIR SINGH, J (ORAL)**

1. The present petition has been filed *inter alia* with a prayer for issuance of directions to respondent Nos. 1 to 3 to protect life and liberty of the petitioners from the hands of respondents No. 4 to 14 and not to interfere in their personal lives.

2. It has been averred that the date of birth of petitioner No.2 is 27.02.2002 while date of birth of petitioner No.2 is 14.01.1997. Copies of Aadhar Cards of petitioner Nos.1 & 2 to this effect are attached as Annexures P-1 and P-2.

3. It has been submitted that the marriage of the petitioners was solemnized on 02.07.2024. The marriage certificate and photographs are attached as Annexure P-3. Private respondents No. 4 to 14 had opposed to their marriage, as the petitioners had performed the marriage without their consent. The petitioners have submitted representation dated 04.07.2024 (Annexure P-5) to respondent No.2- Senior Superintendent of Police, Pathankot, Punjab seeking protection of their lives and liberty at the hands of respondents No. 4 to 14.

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4. Notice of motion to respondent Nos.1 to 3.

5. On the asking of the Court, Ms. Manjot Kaur, AAG, Punjab accepts notice on behalf of respondent Nos.1 to 3. She further submits that father of petitioner No.2 has made a statement that he has no objection with the marriage of the petitioners.

6. Although father of petitioner No.2 has made statement but there are other respondents also from whom petitioners are facing threat to their life and liberty. Without expressing any opinion on the merits of the matter and in particular the legality of the alleged relationship, the present petition is disposed of with a direction to respondent No.2- Senior Superintendent of Police, Pathankot, Punjab to forthwith consider the aforesaid representation dated 04.07.2024 made on behalf of the petitioners and thereafter, take appropriate action on the same as is deemed fit in accordance with law to ensure the protection of life and liberty of the petitioners. Till then, protect the life and liberty of the petitioners. Respondent No.2 would pass necessary order without being influenced by any pleadings made in the petition.

7. It is made clear that this order shall not be taken to validate the alleged relationship between the petitioners or protect them from legal action for violation, if any, committed by them.

12.07.2024*renu***(GURBIR SINGH)
JUDGE****Whether speaking/reasoned: Yes/No
Whether Reportable: Yes/No**