

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

CRWP-6788-2024
Date of Decision:- 18.07.2024

ANU AND ANOTHERPetitioners

Vs.

STATE OF PUNJAB AND OTHERS ...Respondents

CORAM:- HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE AMARJOT BHATTI

Present:- Mr. Jaswinder Singh Rana, Advocate for petitioners.
Mr. Kewal Singh, Addl. A.G. Punjab.

AMARJOT BHATTI, J.

1. Petitioners Anu and Stephen have filed the present petition under Article 226 of the Constitution of India for issuance of a writ in the nature of mandamus directing respondent Nos.2 and 3 to protect life and liberty of petitioners from the hands of respondents No.4 to 7.
2. It is submitted that both petitioners are major. Copies of their PAN Cards and Aadhar Cards are Annexure P-1 to P-4 respectively. They had performed marriage on 12.07.2024. Copy of their marriage photographs and certificate are Annexures P-5 and P-6. Petitioners also moved representation to Commissioner of Police, Jalandhar, which is Annexure P-7. Petitioners had performed marriage without the consent and wishes of parents and brothers of petitioner No.1, from whom, petitioners are receiving threats.
3. Notice of motion.



4. On asking of this Court, Mr. Kewal Singh, Addl. A.G. Punjab accepts notice on behalf of State. Complete copy of paperbook along with supporting documents is already supplied.

5. Considering nature of litigation, no purpose would be served by serving notice to private respondents.

6. I have considered facts narrated in the petition, according to which both petitioners are major and they have performed marriage against the wishes of family of petitioner No.1, as a result they are apprehending threats from the hands of respondent Nos. 4 to 7. It is duty of police to protect life and liberty of petitioners. Therefore, respondent Nos.2 and 3 are directed to consider representation of petitioners dated 14.07.2024 (Annexure P-7) and protect life and liberty of petitioners from the hands of respondent Nos.4 to 7, considering threat perception, with further direction to maintain their privacy and dignity.

7. Aforesaid protection order will have no bearing on the legality and validity of marriage and it will not protect them in case there is any violation of law or pending legal proceedings.

8. Petition is accordingly disposed of.

9. Pending miscellaneous application(s), if any, stand disposed of accordingly as well.

(AMARJOT BHATTI)
JUDGE

18.07.2024
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Whether speaking/reasoned: Yes/No.
Whether reportable: Yes/No