



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

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CRWP-7535-2024**Date of decision: 06.08.2024****SHALU RANI AND ANR**

...Petitioners

V/s

STATE OF PUNJAB AND OTHERS

...Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE MANJARI NEHRU KAUL

Present: Mr.Manish Gilhotra, Advocate, for the petitioners.

MANJARI NEHRU KAUL, J. (ORAL)

1. Prayer in the instant petition filed under Article 226/227 of the Constitution of India, is for issuance of directions to respondents No.2 and 3 to protect the life and liberty of the petitioners, who apprehend threat to their life at the hands of private respondents No.4 to 7, who are stated to be family members of petitioner No.1.

2. Learned counsel for the petitioners submits that petitioner No.1, aged about 29 years and petitioner No.2, aged about 36 years, got married on 02.08.2024 against the wishes of respondents No.4 to 7. The marriage certificate of the petitioners is annexed as Annexure P-3 with this petition. Ever since then, the petitioners are being threatened with dire consequences by the private respondents. Resultantly, a representation/complaint dated 02.08.2024 (Annexure P-4) was also made to respondent No.2-Senior Superintendent of Police, Fazilka, District Fazilka wherein a mention has been made about the alleged threat perception.



Learned counsel submits that despite the official respondents having been communicated about the alleged threat perception, no steps have been taken to come to the rescue of the petitioners. Learned counsel submits that he would be satisfied if directions are issued to respondent No.2- Senior Superintendent of Police, Fazilka, District Fazilka to look into their representation/complaint dated 02.08.2024 (Annexure P-4) and take appropriate steps at the earliest.

3. Notice of motion.

4. On asking of the Court, Mr.Amit Rana, Sr.DAG, Punjab, accepts notice on behalf of the official respondents.

5. In view of the above, the present petition is disposed of with directions to respondent No.2- Senior Superintendent of Police, Fazilka, District Fazilka to look into the representation/complaint dated 02.08.2024 (Annexure P-4) *qua* the alleged threat perception and take necessary steps, as may be required, in accordance with law, to ensure that the life and liberty of the petitioners is not jeopardized at the hands of the private respondents. However, this direction will not validate the marriage said to have taken place between the parties and will have no effect on any civil or criminal action, which could be initiated in the matter in accordance with law.

(MANJARI NEHRU KAUL)
JUDGE

August 06, 2024
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Whether speaking/reasoned:
Whether reportable:

Yes/No
Yes/No