



IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB & HARYANA AT CHANDIGARH

CRWP-8221-2024
Date of decision : August 29, 2024

Kharija Bano @ Sanno Singh and anotherPetitioners
VERSUS
State of Punjab and othersRespondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE KULDEEP TIWARI

Present : Mr. Basant Sharma, Advocate, for the petitioners
Mr. Pardeep Bajaj, DAG, Punjab

KULDEEP TIWARI,J. (ORAL)

1. The instant petition has been filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India for issuance of directions to the official respondents to protect the lives and liberty of the petitioners and to restrain the private respondents from harassing the petitioners or interfering in their peaceful married life.
2. The learned counsel for the petitioners states that since both the petitioners have attained the minimum age, as prescribed by statute, for solemnizing marriage, therefore, they have lawfully solemnized their first marriage, however, it has caused grievance to the respondents no.4 to 6. Such grievance of the respondents No.4 to 6 has made them apprehensive of danger to their lives and liberty and resultantly, it has constrained them to approach this Court, to seek protection of their lives and liberty. The

marriage certificate of the petitioners and the photographs evidencing their marriage are available on record respectively as Annexures P-6 and P-5. The petitioners have also submitted a representation dated 9.8.2024 (Annexure P-7) to the respondent no.2.

3. Notice of motion to the official respondent(s) only.
4. On the asking of the Court, Mr. Pardeep Bajaj, DAG, Punjab, accepts notice on behalf of the official respondent(s).
5. Without entering upon an exercise to evaluate the evidentiary value of the documents placed on the file, the instant petition is disposed of with a direction to respondent no.2-Senior Superintendent of Police, SAS Nagar, Mohali, to decide the representation (Annexure P-7) of the petitioners and grant them protection, if any threat to their lives and liberty is perceived. It is clarified that this order shall not be taken to grant immunity to the petitioners from legal action for violation of law, if any, committed by them. This order shall not be understood to have expressed any opinion whatsoever by this Court on the validity of the marriage of the petitioners.
6. **Disposed of** accordingly.

August 29, 2024

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**(KULDEEP TIWARI)
JUDGE**

Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes/No
Whether Reportable : Yes/No