



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

CRWP-8980-2024

Date of Decision: 16.09.2024

Shikha Verma and another

...Petitioners

Versus

State of Punjab and others

...Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE GURBIR SINGH

Present: Mr. Harsimran Singh Sidhu, Advocate
for the petitioners.

Ms. Manjot Kaur, AAG, Punjab.

GURBIR SINGH, J. (ORAL)

1. The present petition has been filed *inter alia* with a prayer for issuance of directions to official respondent Nos.2 and 3 to protect life and liberty of the petitioners from the hands of private respondent Nos.4 to 7 and not to interfere in their personal lives.

2. It has been averred that the date of birth of petitioner No.1 is 22.08.2006 while date of birth of petitioner No.2 is 17.08.2002. Copy of Aadhar Card of petitioner No.1 and birth certificate of petitioner No.2 to this effect are attached as Annexures P-1 and P-2, respectively. Learned counsel for the petitioners has placed on record copy of certificate of High School Examination-2024 of petitioner No.1 showing her date of birth. Same is taken on record.

3. It has been submitted that the marriage of the petitioners was solemnized on 07.09.2024. The marriage certificate and photographs are attached as Annexure P-3 and P-4. Private respondents Nos.4 to 7 had opposed

to their marriage, as the petitioners had performed the marriage without their consent. The petitioners have submitted representation dated 07.09.2024 (Annexure P-5) to respondent No.2-Senior Superintendent of Police, District Fazilka seeking protection of their lives and liberty at the hands of the private respondents.

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.

6. 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 Senior Superintendent of Police, Fazilka to forthwith consider the aforesaid representation dated 07.09.2024 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 within a period of one month 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.

16.09.2024
Parveen kumar

(GURBIR SINGH)
JUDGE

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