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

CRWP-9164-2024

Date of decision:21.11.2024

NAVJOT KAUR AND ANOTHER

...Petitioners

VERSUS

STATE OF PUNJAB AND OTHERS

...Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE KARAMJIT SINGH

Present: Mr. Manoj Kumar Pundir, Advocate with
Mr. Malkiat Singh, Advocate for the petitioners
along with their counsel.

Mr. Inderjeet Singh Ladher, DAG, Punjab.

Mr. Sukhmeet Singh, Advocate
for respondents No.4 to 6.

KARAMJIT SINGH, J. (Oral)

The present petition has been filed by the petitioners seeking direction to the official respondents to safeguard their life and liberty from the hands of respondents No.4 to 11, who are related to petitioner No.1.

2. In this petition, it is stated that petitioners performed marriage on 06.09.2024 against the wishes of aforesaid private respondents who have threatened to cause physical harm to the petitioners and in this regard representation dated 12.09.2024 (Annexure P-4) is submitted to respondent No.2 i.e. Superintendent of Police, Moga but the police authorities failed to take any action.



3. Learned State counsel has already filed short reply by way of an affidavit of Ravinder Singh, PPS, Deputy Superintendent of Police (City), Moga, District Moga along with enquiry report (Annexure R-1).
4. As per aforesaid enquiry report, petitioner No.2 at the time of performing marriage with petitioner No.1 was already married with Simranjit Kaur and petitioner No.2 has not got dissolved his first marriage with Simranjit Kaur with the intervention of any Court.
5. Even, counsel appearing on behalf of respondents No.4 to 6 submits that the present petition deserves to be dismissed as the alleged marriage of the petitioners is illegal, null and void.
6. Faced with this situation, counsel for the petitioners submits that petitioner No.2 has taken Panchayati Divorce from his first wife.
7. It is a moot point as to whether any such Panchayati Divorce is recognized under law.
8. In light of the above, without going into the merits of the case, this petition is hereby disposed of just to safeguard the life and liberty of the petitioners with direction to respondent No.2 to look into the matter and if the situation so warrants to take necessary steps in accordance with law.
9. However, any observations made in this order will not be construed as an expression of opinion on the validity of the marriage of the petitioners. In case the petitioners have committed any offence, law will take its own course.

21.11.2024

Priyanka Thakur

(KARAMJIT SINGH)
JUDGE