



IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB & HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

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CRWP-9898-2024 (O&M)

Date of decision: 11.10.2024

Anamika and another

...Petitioners

VERSUS

State of Punjab and others

...Respondents

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE VINOD S. BHARDWAJ

Present :- Mr. Virender Kumar Dhiman, Advocate for the petitioners.

VINOD S. BHARDWAJ, J. (Oral)

CRM-W-1259-2024

Application is allowed as prayed for.

Main case:

The petitioners namely Anamika and Ashok have approached this Court under Article 226 of the Constitution of India for seeking protection of their lives and personal liberty from private respondents No.4 to 6.

The contention of the petitioners is that both are major, aged 19 years and 24 years respectively and they have performed marriage against the wishes of their parents. In support thereof, copy of the Aadhaar Cards pertaining to the petitioners have been appended. The marriage of the petitioners was solemnized on 02.10.2024 at Shree Brahmari Devi Jan Kalyan Sansthan (Regd.), Mata Mansa Devi Market, Panchkula as per Hindu rites and rituals. Copy of Marriage Certificate (Annexure 3) issued by the aforesaid Sansthan and photographs (Annexure P-4) have also been appended. The petitioners apprehend threat to their lives and claim that there is a constant danger of them being implicated in a false case.

Notice of motion restricted to respondents No.1 to 3 only.



Pursuant to supply of advance copy, Mr. Ajaib Singh, Addl. AG Punjab, has appeared and accepted notice on behalf of respondents No.1 to 3.

Learned counsel for the petitioners states that a representation dated 09.10.2024 (Annexure P-5) has also been submitted by the petitioners to the respondent No.2-Senior Superintendent of Police, Ludhiana (Punjab).

Learned State counsel has no objection if appropriate direction for providing requisite protection to the petitioners is given.

Without examining the question of legality and validity of the marriage and expressing any opinion thereon, the petition is **disposed of** with the directions to respondent No.3-Station House Officer, Police Station Sadar, Ludhiana to look into the grievances of the petitioners as set out in the petition and also expressed in the representation dated 09.10.2024 (Annexure P-5) and take appropriate action for protection of their lives and liberty as may be warranted by the circumstances.

However, it is clarified that in case any criminal case has been/is registered against the petitioners, nothing in this order shall be construed as a bar for taking appropriate action by the police authorities in respect thereof in accordance with law.

The Registry is directed to send a copy of this order along with copy of the petition and above-said representation to respondent No.3-Station House Officer, Police Station Sadar, Ludhiana for requisite compliance.

(VINOD S. BHARDWAJ)
JUDGE

11.10.2024

Mangal Singh

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