



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

CRWP-10311-2024 (O&M)

Date of Decision:- 24.10.2024

Pooja Devi and another

....Petitioners

Vs.

State of Punjab and others

....Respondents

CORAM:- HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE AMARJOT BHATTI

Present:- Mr. Rakesh, Advocate for the petitioners.

Mr. Kewal Singh, Addl. A.G. Punjab.

AMARJOT BHATTI, J. (Oral)

1. Petitioners Pooja Devi and Jagpreet Singh have filed present petition under Article 226 of the Constitution of India for issuance of direction to respondents No. 2 and 3 to protect life and liberty of petitioners from the hands of private respondents No. 4 to 8, who are parents/relatives of petitioner No. 1.

2. It is submitted that both petitioners are major. As per Aadhaar Card of petitioner No. 1 (Annexure P-1) and affidavit filed today by learned counsel for petitioners, which is taken on record, subject to all just exceptions, her date of birth is 01.07.2002. On the other hand, as per Aadhaar Card of petitioner No.2, Annexure P-2, his date of birth is 12.11.2001. They had performed marriage on 21.10.2024. Copy of Certificate of Marriage issued by Prachin Pashupati Nath Shiv Mandir (Reg.), MDC, Sector-6, Panchkula, Haryana is Annexure P-3 and photographs regarding performing of their marriage are Annexure P-4. Petitioners also moved representation to Senior Superintendent of Police, District Sri Muktsar Sahib, Punjab, which is Annexure P-5. Petitioners had

performed marriage without consent and wishes of parents/relatives of petitioner No. 1 and as such they are receiving threats from respondents No. 4 to 8.

- 3. Notice of motion to official respondents only.
- 4. On asking of this Court, Mr. Kewal Singh, Addl. A.G. Punjab accepts notice on behalf of State. Complete copy of paperbook along with supporting documents is already supplied.
- 5. Considering nature of litigation, no purpose would be served by serving notice to private respondents.
- 6. I have considered the facts narrated in petition, according to which both petitioners are major and they have performed marriage against wishes of parents/relatives of petitioner No. 1, as a result they are apprehending threats from the hands of respondents No. 4 to 8. It is duty of police to protect life and liberty of petitioners. Therefore, respondents No.2 and 3 are directed to consider representation of petitioners dated 21.10.2024 (Annexure P-5) and protect life and liberty of petitioners from the hands of respondents No. 4 to 8, considering threat perception, with further direction to maintain their privacy and dignity.
- 7. Aforesaid protection order will have no bearing on legality and validity of marriage and it will not protect them in case there is any violation of law or pending legal proceedings.
- 8. Petition is accordingly disposed of.
- 9. Pending miscellaneous application(s), if any, stand disposed of accordingly.

(AMARJOT BHATTI)
JUDGE

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