

**CRWP-11124-2024****106****IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT CHANDIGARH****CRWP-11124-2024****Date of Decision: 19.11.2024**

Mehak Thakur and another

Petitioners

Versus

State of Punjab and others

...Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MS. JUSTICE KIRTI SINGHPresent:-. Ms. Himani, Advocate
for the petitioners

KIRTI SINGH, J.(Oral)

This petition has been filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India seeking a direction to the official respondents to protect the life and liberty of the petitioners from the hands of private respondents (arrayed in the petition) as they have solemnized marriage against the wishes of the family members.

2. Learned counsel for the petitioners submits that the petitioners have married against the wishes of respondents No.4 to 6. He further submits that they are major and solemnized marriage on 14.11.2024. They have placed on record copies of Aadhar Cards (Annexures P-1 and P-2) to substantiate their claim. The petitioners have also submitted a representation dated 14.11.2024 (Annexure P-5) to respondent No.2.

3. Notice of motion to the official respondents only.

4. Mr. Vinay Kumar Malhotra, DAG Punjab, who is present in Court,

accepts notice on behalf of the official respondents. Counsel for the petitioners is



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directed to supply a copy of complete paper book to the counsel appearing for the State during the course of the day.

5. It goes without saying that the protection of life and liberty is a fundamental right emanating out of Article 21 of the Constitution of India and the scope of the present petition is only regarding protection of life and liberty of the petitioners.

6. Without commenting on the validity of the marriage allegedly performed by the petitioners and entering upon an exercise to evaluate the evidentiary value of the documents placed on the file, I dispose of this petition with direction to respondent No.2 to decide the representation of the petitioners (Annexure P-5) within a period of two weeks from the date of receipt of a certified copy of this order and grant them protection, if there is any threat to their life and liberty.

7. However, it is made clear that this order may not be construed as expression of an opinion on legality and validity of the marriage of the petitioners.

8. In case any criminal case is pending against petitioner No.2, this order shall not be any hindrance for the Investigating agency to proceed according to law.

(KIRTI SINGH)
JUDGE

19.11.2024
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Whether speaking/reasoned
Whether reportable

Yes/No
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