



137 IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB & HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

CRWP-12168-2024
Date of decision: 17.12.2024

ARTI AND ANRPetitioners

Versus

STATE OF PUNJAB AND ORSRespondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE **AMARJOT BHATTI**

Present: Mr. Kamaljeet Yadav, Advocate
for the petitioners.

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

AMARJOT BHATTI, J (Oral):

1. Petitioners Arti and Vikas Singh have filed present petition under Article 226/227 of the Constitution of India for issuance of directions to respondents No.1 to 3 to protect life and liberty of petitioners and also directing respondents No.4 to 7 not to interfere in their personal life and liberty.

2. It is submitted that both petitioners are major. Date of birth of petitioner No.1 is 28.11.2000. Copy of her Aadhar Card is Annexure P-1 and Matriculation Certificate is Annexure P-2. Date of birth of petitioner No.2 is 29.01.1994. Copy of his Aadhar Card is Annexure P-3 and PAN card is Annexure P-4. They had performed marriage on 12.12.2024. Copy of their marriage certificate and photographs are Annexures P-5 and P-6. Petitioners also moved representation to Senior Superintendent of Police ('SSP'), Pathankot, which is Annexure P-7. Petitioners had performed marriage without the consent and wishes of parents, brother and relative of

petitioner No.1, from whom, petitioners are receiving threats.



3. Notice of motion.
4. On asking of this Court, Mr. Kewal Singh, Addl.A.G. Punjab, 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 facts narrated in the petition, according to which both petitioners are major and they have performed marriage against wishes of parents, brother and relative of petitioner No.1, as a result they are apprehending threats from the hands of respondent Nos.4 to 7. It is duty of police to protect life and liberty of petitioners. Therefore, respondent Nos.2 & 3 are directed to consider the representation of petitioners dated 13.12.2024 (Annexure P-7) and protect life and liberty of petitioners from the hands of respondent Nos.4 to 7, considering threat perception, with further direction to maintain their privacy and dignity.
7. Aforesaid protection order will have no bearing on the 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 as well.

(AMARJOT BHATTI)
JUDGE

17.12.2024
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| 1. Whether speaking/ reasoned | : | Yes /No |
| 2. Whether reportable | : | Yes /No |