



IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB & HARYANA AT
CHANDIGARH

CRWP No.12528 of 2024 (O&M)
Date of Decision: 26.12.2024

Sunaina Rani & another
...Petitioners
Versus
State of Punjab & others
...Respondents

CORAM: HON’BLE MRS. JUSTICE MEENAKSHI I. MEHTA

Present:- Mr. Kapil Khanna, Advocate,
for the petitioners.

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MEENAKSHI I. MEHTA, J. (ORAL)

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Keeping in view the reasons as mentioned in the present application, the same is allowed.

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By way of the instant petition, both the petitioners have sought the indulgence of this Court for the issuance of direction to respondents No.2 & 3 to protect their lives and liberty as they apprehend threat to the same at the hands of respondents No.5 to 9 because they (petitioners) have solemnized their marriage against the wishes of these respondents. It has also been mentioned in this petition that a representation (Annexure P-5) has already been moved to respondent No.2 in this regard.

2. Notice of motion to respondents No.1 to 4 only.

3. Mr. Adhiraj Singh, learned Assistant Advocate General, Punjab, has appeared on behalf of respondents No.1 to 4 in this case in pursuance of



the copies of the present petition having been sent to the respondent-State in advance and he accepts the notice on their behalf.

4. Heard.

5. Learned counsel for the petitioners restricts his prayer to the issuance of a direction to respondent No.2 to look into and take appropriate action on the said representation (Annexure P-5) of the petitioners.

6. Learned State counsel has no objection for the same.

7. Keeping in view the intent of the fundamental right as enshrined in Article 21 of the Constitution of India which ensures the protection of life and liberty to the citizens as well as the afore-discussed limited prayer as made by learned counsel for the petitioners and without commenting or expressing any opinion on the legality and validity of the marriage as stated to have been solemnized between the petitioners, respondent No.2-Senior Superintendent of Police, District Shaheed Bhagat Singh Nagar, is, hereby, directed to look into the above-referred representation (Annexure P-5) of the petitioners and if it is found that the petitioners genuinely deserve any protection, then to take appropriate action in accordance with law.

8. However, it is clarified that this order shall not be construed to be a shield to the petitioners against any civil or criminal action/proceedings already initiated or intended/contemplated to be initiated against them by any competent authority/person on account of their afore-said marriage and permissible under the relevant provisions of law.

9. The petition in hand stands disposed of accordingly.

December 26, 2024
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(MEENAKSHI I. MEHTA)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned: Yes
Whether Reportable: No