

(2018) 09 P&H CK 0161

In the Punjab And Haryana At Chandigarh

Case No : Criminal Miscellaneous -M- No. 41711 of 2018 (O&M)

Gurjinder Kaur and another

APPELLANT

Vs

State of Punjab and others

RESPONDENT

Date of Decision : 20-09-2018

Acts Referred:

Citation : (2018) 09 P&H CK 0161

Hon'ble Judges : P.B. Bajanthri, J

Bench : Single Bench

Advocate : Vishva Bahl

Final Decision : Disposed off

Judgement

1. Notice of motion.

2. On the asking of the court, Mr. Sukhbeer Singh, AAG, Punjab accepts notice on behalf of official respondents. Learned counsel for the petitioners

is directed to furnish 3 sets of paper book to the State counsel, during the course of the day. Service of notice to respondents No.4 to 6 dispensed,

since no adverse order is passed against them.

3. In this petition, the petitioners have sought for a direction to the official respondents for the protection of the life and liberty of the petitioners and not

to interfere in the peaceful married life of the petitioners at the behest of respondents No.4 to 6 and other relatives and friends.

4. The petitioners are stated to be major. On 09.09.2018 petitioners got married at Gurudwara Shri Guru Ram Dass Ji situated at Meerakot Road, Sant

Avenue, Amritsar according to Sikh rites and ceremonies, with their own sweet will and without any pressure.

5. The complaint of the petitioners is that respondents No. 4 to 6 are not happy

with the marriage. The petitioners apprehending that there is a threat from respondents No.4 to 6 due to their marriage, preferred a representation to respondents No.2-Annexure P5. Insofar as giving protection to the married couple, Apex Court examined.

6. Interference by the police in conjugal life; the Apex Court in the case of Lata Singh versus State of U.P. reported in (2006)5 SCC 475 held as

follows:-

“The caste system is a curse on the nation and the sooner it is destroyed the better. In fact, it is dividing the nation at a time when we have to be

united to face the challenges before the nation unitedly. Hence, inter-caste marriages are in fact in the national interest as they will result in destroying

the caste system. However, disturbing news are coming from several parts of the country that young men and women who undergo inter-caste

marriage, are threatened with violence, or violence is actually committed on them. In our opinion, such acts of violence or threats or harassment are

wholly illegal and those who commit them must be severely punished. This is a free and democratic country, and once a person becomes a major he

or she can marry whosoever he/she likes. If the parents of the boy or girl do not approve of such inter-caste or inter-religious marriage the maximum

they can do is that they can cut off social relations with the son or the daughter, but they cannot give threats or commit or instigate acts of violence

and cannot harass the person who undergoes such inter-caste or inter-religious marriage. We, therefore, direct that the administration/police

authorities throughout the country will see to it that if any boy or girl who is a major undergoes inter-caste or inter-religious marriage with a woman or

man who is a major, the couple are not harassed by any one nor subjected to threats or acts of violence, and any one who gives such threats or

harasses or commits acts of violence either himself or at his instigation, is taken to task by instituting criminal proceedings by the police against such

persons and further stern action is taken against such persons as provided by law.”

7. In terms of the Supreme Court observation, the official respondents are directed to examine the representation of the petitioners and to give

necessary protection while appreciating the fact that there is threat to their life. This order shall not validate the marriage of the petitioners.

8. Petitioners are present in the court. Petitioner No. 2 is hereby directed to make necessary arrangement for fixed deposit of a sum of Rs.1 Lac in

the Nationalized Bank in the name of petitioner No.1-Gurjinder Kaur within a period of 3 month from today. The said FDR be for a period of 3 years.

Petitioner No.2 is directed to deposit copy of the FDR in the Registry within a period of 3 months from today. In case he fails to do so, Registry is

directed to list this matter on 21.01.2019.

9. Accordingly, the petition is disposed of.