CRWP-7820-2023

PARNEET KAUR AND ANR V/S STATE OF PUNJAB AND OTHERS

Present: Mr.Pardeep Kumar Kapila, Advocate for the petitioners.

Mr. P.S. Grewal, DAG, Punjab.

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Learned counsel for the petitioners has vehemently argued that the petitioners have been categorically threatened of their life and liberty to the extent that they will be eliminated by the private respondents.

It is a strange case, where the girl and the boy decided to run away from their home and at that time, they were not under any threat and subsequently upon getting married, they apprehend a threat perception to their life and liberty without any cogent basis.

The petitioners, who are residents of Amritsar, go and get marry in some temple at Prachin Pashupati Nath Shiv Mandir Society, Panchkula (Haryana) which is almost 240 kms away from Amritsar, but did not choose to go to any Police Station for reporting threat perception after running away from their homes. Such relationship which start from the litigation itself at times are found to go in rough weather and then several FIRs are lodged by the girl side with regard to the demand of dowry, harassment, domestic violence etc.

Accordingly, question needs to be posed as to whether the girl, who has run away from her house and got married to a person against the wishes of her parents, should be prohibited from raising any complaint, at least, on the premises of being harassed and for demand of dowry.

This would entail reduction in lodging of bogus FIRs, which come into play the moment a matrimonial discord between girl and boy occurs.

In light of the above, question as raised above be addressed by the counsel for the parties.

Notice of motion.

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Mr. P.S. Grewal, DAG, Punjab, accepts notice on behalf of respondents No.1 to 3.

Notice be issued to respondents No.4 to 6 for **26.09.2023**.

In the meantime, respondents No.2 and 3 shall assess the threat perception and take appropriate action in accordance with law.

08.08.2023`

(ALOK JAIN) JUDGE