

**IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH**

**CRM-M No.22347 of 2014
Decided on: 23.03.2015**

Vishakha Sharma & others . . . Petitioners

Versus

State of Punjab & others . . . Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE RAJ MOHAN SINGH

Present: Ms. Sunita Nambiar, Advocate for
Mr. Sunil Agnihotri, Advocate
for the petitioners.

Mr. Varun Sharma, AAG Punjab.

Mr. Vikasdeep Singh, Advocate
for the respondents No.4 to 11.

RAJ MOHAN SINGH, J. (Oral)

Petitioners are present in person and have been duly identified by Ms. Sunita Nambiar, Advocate, learned counsel for the petitioners.

Petitioner No.1 has appeared in Court along with respondent No.4-Om Parkash and openly proclaimed that when she was returning home from hospital, her parents with the help of others apprehended her and forcibly took her to the house. She states that she is not willing to accompany her father to parental house rather she wishes to accompany her husband forthwith. Petitioner No.1 claims himself to be major and has solemnized

marriage with petitioner No.2. Petitioner No.2 who is also present in the court endorses the same feeling and is ready to take petitioner No.1 from the Court premises.

Without commenting on validity of marriage, this Court is of the opinion that petitioner No.1 being major and on account of her alleged marital status, cannot be asked to go with her parents. She is at liberty to go according to her own choices particularly in view of the fact that originally apprehensions have been made by the petitioners in respect of likely invasion of their right of life and liberty at the hands of private respondents.

Petition is disposed with the direction to the respondents No.2 and 3 that in case any complaint is received in respect of any threat perception from the petitioners, the same be enquired into and if need be necessary protection be given to them in accordance with law.

Disposed of.

[Raj Mohan Singh]
Judge

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