

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

**Criminal Misc. No. M-44261 of 2015
Date of Decision:-28.12.2015**

Amrik Singh and another

...Petitioners

Versus

State of Punjab and others

...Respondents

CORAM:- HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARI PAL VERMA

1. *Whether reporters of local newspapers may be allowed to see judgment?*
2. *To be referred to reporters or not?*
3. *Whether the judgment should be reported in the Digest?*

Present:- Mr. K.L. Saini, Advocate
for the petitioners.

HARI PAL VERMA J.(Oral)

Prayer in this petition filed under Section 482 Cr.P.C. is for issuance of directions to respondents No.1 to 3 to protect the life and liberty of the petitioners at the hands of respondents No.4 to 8.

During the course of hearing, learned counsel for the petitioners has placed on record the affidavit dated 23.12.2015 of petitioner No.2-Ritika @ Sultana Begam in support of her contentions that she has changed her religion from Muslim to Hindu and also her name from Sultant Begam to Ritika. Same is taken on record.

Learned counsel for the petitioners contends that the petitioners being major have solemnized their marriage in accordance

with law. However, respondents No.4 to 8 are not accepting their marriage and are adamant to separate them from each other by resorting to illegal means. Learned counsel further submits that in view of imminent danger to the life and liberty of the petitioners, they have moved a representation dated 23.12.2015 (Annexure P-4) to the Senior Superintendent of Police, Ropar-respondent No.2.

Notice of motion to respondents No. 1 to 3 only at this stage.

On asking of the Court Mr. Baljinder Singh Sra, Addl. A.G. Punjab, accepts notice on behalf of State. Let requisite number of copies of paper book be supplied to learned State counsel during the course of the day.

Keeping in view the seriousness of the matter but without going into the validity of the marriage, the present petition is disposed of with a direction to respondent No.2 to take appropriate action, as warranted by law, on the representation dated 23.12.2015 (Annexure P-4) submitted by the petitioners.

In the meantime, necessary order be passed to ensure that no harm is caused to the life and liberty of the petitioners at the hands of respondents No.4 to 8.

December 28, 2015
Vijay Asija

(HARI PAL VERMA)
JUDGE