

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA

AT CHANDIGARH

Criminal Misc. No.M-19877 of 2016

Date of Decision: 01.06.2016

Neha Rani & another

...Petitioner(s)

Versus

State of Punjab & others

...Respondent(s)

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. Gitish Bhardwaj, 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 4 to protect the life and liberty of the petitioners at the hands of respondent no.5.

During the course of hearing, learned counsel for the petitioners has produced the affidavits of both the petitioners. As per their affidavits, petitioner No.1-Neha Rani has studied upto M.A. in Political science and presently she is working as a teacher in KIDZEE School, Cheeka, District Kaithal whereas petitioner no.2-Rakesh Sharma is working as Customer Service Representative-cum-Data Entry Operator in Wip Info (International KPO), Phase-VIII B, Mohali and earning upto

₹12,000/- per month and therefore, they are in a position to maintain themselves.

Learned counsel for the petitioners contends that the petitioners are major and have solemnized their marriage in accordance with law. However, respondent no.5 is not accepting their marriage and is 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 had moved a representation dated 30.5.2016 (Annexure P-5) to the respondent No.2 i.e. Senior Superintendent of Police, Fatehgarh Sahib.

Notice of motion to respondents No.1 to 4 only at this stage.

At the asking of the Court, Mr. P.S. Madahar, AAG, Punjab accepts notice on behalf of these respondents.

Let requisite number of copies of paper book be given to learned State counsel during the course of the day.

Without going into the validity of the marriage, the present petition is disposed of with a direction to the respondent No.2 to take appropriate remedial measures, as warranted by law, on the representation dated 30.5.2016 (Annexure P-5) 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 respondent No.5.

June 01, 2016
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(HARI PAL VERMA)
JUDGE