

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

(117)

CRM-M-25771-2016

Decided on: July 29, 2016.

Neha Katoch and another

.... Petitioners

Versus

State of Punjab and others

..... Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE M.M.S. BEDI

Present: Petitioners in person with Mr. Mohd. Salim, Advocate.

M.M.S. BEDI, J (ORAL)

Petitioners claim that they have attained majority and have married against the wishes of their family members. Apprehending threat to their life and liberty on account of inter caste marriage, they have approached this Court for protection.

The petitioners appear to have filed a representation to Senior Superintendent of Police, Sangrur, copy of which has been appended as Annexure P-5.

Notice to Advocate General, Punjab.

On asking of the Court, Ms. Simsi Dhir Malhotra, DAG, Punjab, present in the Court, accepts notice. Copy given.

The matter is covered by the judgment of this Court in **Pradeep Kumar Vs. State of Haryana, 2008 (3) RCR (Criminal) 376.**

This petition is disposed of with a direction that the petitioners will not be forcibly taken in custody by any of the respondents on the

allegations that petitioner No.1 has been kidnapped or abducted by petitioner No.2. It is further ordered that in case of any imminent threat to the petitioners, it will be open to them to approach any police official of Sangrur. The Senior Superintendent of Police, Sangrur would look into representation Anneuxre P-5 to ensure that no force or coercion is used by any of the respondents against the petitioners on the allegation of petitioner No.1 having been abducted by petitioner No.2.

(M.M.S. BEDI)
JUDGE

July 29, 2016
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Whether speaking/reasoned:
Whether Reportable:

Yes/No
Yes/No