

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

Date of decision: 12.10.2016

CRM-M 36739 of 2016

Shifa & Another

...Petitioners

Vs.

State of Punjab & others

...Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE RAJIV NARAIN RAINA

Present: Mr. R.S.Manhas, Advocate for
Mr. Amit Babbar, Advocate, for the petitioners.

RAJIV NARAIN RAINA, J. (ORAL)

Petitioners have married against the wishes of their parents. They have approached this Court for directions to protect their life and liberty. The prayer is based upon Article 21 of the Constitution of India and, therefore, deserves the immediate attention of the Police Department to ensure that the couple is not unduly harassed by anyone including their respective parents.

Therefore, the Senior Superintendent of Police, Pathankot would personally look into the complaint and offer help, which is consistent with their safety. They must approach the Senior Superintendent of Police, Pathankot, who will take up the matter immediately and take such action as is warranted by law. These directions are issued as guided by the Supreme Court in Lata Singh Vs. State of U.P. & another, 2006 (3) RCR (Criminal) 870.

With these directions, the instant petition is disposed of without expressing any opinion on the validity of marriage.

12.10.2016
Sunil Devi

**[RAJIV NARAIN RAINA]
JUDGE**