

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

CRM No.M-6819 of 2016 (O&M)

Date of decision: February 25, 2016

Rupali and another

...Petitioners

Versus

State of Punjab and others

...Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE INDERJIT SINGH

Present: Mr. Dhawaljeet Dutta, Advocate for the petitioners.

INDERJIT SINGH, J.

Petitioners have filed this petition under Section 482 Cr.P.C. for issuance of directions to respondents No.1 to 3 to protect their life and liberty and to provide adequate security to protect them from respondents No.4 to 6, who are parents and sister of petitioner No.1. The petitioners, who are present in Court today, further contend that they have solemnized marriage with their own consent in accordance with law. The private respondents are not accepting the marriage of the petitioners and are extending threats to them. The affidavit of petitioner No.1 regarding her date of birth (Annexure P-1), copy of 'Aadhar' card of petitioner No.2 (Annexure P-2) and marriage photographs (Annexure P-3) have been placed on record.

Without going into the validity of the marriage and without saying anything regarding the age of the petitioners, the present petition is considered only for the purpose of protection of life and liberty of the petitioners. This petition is disposed of accordingly with the directions to the petitioners to contact respondents No.2 and 3, who, after their satisfaction that the petitioners are actually facing threat, shall take necessary steps to protect the lives and liberty of the petitioners from respondents No.4 to 6, as per law.

However, it is made clear that this order, in no way, will affect any other proceedings pending or to be filed against the petitioners etc., which are to be dealt with independently as per law.

February 25, 2016

**(INDERJIT SINGH)
JUDGE**