

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

Crl. Misc. No. M-23159 of 2017
Date of Decision: 4.7.2017

Rekha Rani and another ... Petitioners

Versus

State of Punjab and others ... Respondents

CORAM:- HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE RAJIV NARAIN RAINA

Present: Mr. Rahul Dev Singh, Advocate for 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, Hoshiarpur would personally look into the complaint and offer help, which is consistent with their safety. They must approach the Senior Superintendent of Police, Hoshiarpur 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 UP & another, 2006 (3) RCR (Criminal) 870.

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

(RAJIV NARAIN RAINA)
JUDGE

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Whether speaking/reasoned

Yes/No

Whether Reportable

Yes/No