

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

CRM-M-35170 of 2017.  
Decided on:-06.10.2017.

Navpreet Bhatia and another

.....Petitioners.

Versus

State of Punjab and others

.....Respondents.

**CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARI PAL VERMA.**

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Present:- Mr. Chandeeep Singh, Advocate  
for the petitioners.

Mr. Bhupender Beniwal, AAG, Punjab.

Mr. M.S. Atwal, Advocate  
for respondent No.4.

**HARI PAL VERMA, J.(ORAL)**

Prayer in this petition filed under Section 482 Cr.PC is for protection of life and liberty of the petitioners, who have entered into matrimony without the consent of private respondents.

Power of attorney filed on behalf of respondent No.4 in the Court today, is taken on record.

Vide order dated 20.09.2017, this Court had directed that respondent No.2 SSP, Hoshiarpur shall ensure that no harm is caused to the life and liberty of the petitioners at the hands of respondents No.4 to 7.

Learned State counsel, on instructions from ASI Ashwani Kumar, states that the respondents No.4 to 7 have made a statement before the police to the effect that they have no objection regarding the marriage of petitioners even if the petitioners have entered into matrimony against their wishes.

Learned counsel for respondent No.4 states that on 18.09.2017, when petitioner No.1 Navpreet Bhatia left her parental house, she had taken some gold ornaments and cash along with her for which necessary complaint was made to the police, but the police has not acted on the said complaint on the premises that this Court has granted protection to the petitioners.

Having heard learned counsel for the parties and without going into the validity of the marriage, the present petition is disposed of with a direction to respondent No.2 SSP, Hoshiarpur to ensure that no harm is caused to the life and liberty of the petitioners at the hands of respondents No.4 to 7.

However, as regards the complaint submitted by respondents No.4 to 7 is concerned, they are at liberty to pursue their remedy in accordance with law. They are not disentitled to raise their claim as made in the said complaint, merely because the petitioners have been granted protection of their life and liberty.

**October 06, 2017**

Yag Dutt

**(HARI PAL VERMA)  
JUDGE**

Whether speaking/reasoned: Yes

Whether Reportable: No