

**In the High Court of Punjab and Haryana, at Chandigarh**

**Criminal Misc. No. M-45124 of 2017**

**Date of Decision: 28.11.2017**

Rekha Rani and Another

... Petitioner(s)

Versus

State of Punjab and Others

... Respondent(s)

**CORAM: Hon'ble Mr. Justice Shekher Dhawan.**

Present: Mr.Aseem Kataria , Advocate  
for the petitioner(s).

**Shekher Dhawan, J.**

Both the petitioners are present in the Court and are identified  
by their counsel.

Petitioners have sought protection of their lives and liberty,  
*inter-alia*, taking the plea that they performed the marriage with each  
other, whereas private respondents are not accepting their marriage and now  
they are apprehending danger to their lives and liberty from private  
respondents. Learned counsel for the petitioners contended that the  
petitioners performed marriage on 25.11.2017.

Petitioners have also taken the plea that they are major and have  
performed their marriage with free will.

Notice of motion.

On the asking of the Court, Ms. Jaspreet Kaur, Assistant  
Advocate General, Punjab, accepts notice on behalf of respondents No.1

Having considered the submissions made by learned counsel for the petitioners and perusal of record, respondent No.2-Senior Superintendent of Police, Fazilka, is directed to consider the representation dated 25.11.2017 (Annexure P7) and issue necessary orders, as warranted by law, so as to ensure that no harm is caused to the life and liberty of the petitioners at the hands of private respondents.

However, it is also made clear that this order shall not be taken to validate the alleged marriage of the petitioners or entitle them for any protection against their arrest or continuance of any criminal proceedings, if they are found involved in the commission of any cognizable offence. In case, the petitioners had committed any offence, the law will take its own course.

With the aforesaid observations made and directions issued, the present petition stands disposed of.

**(Shekher Dhawan)**  
**Judge**

**November 28, 2017**

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Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes/No

Whether reportable : Yes/No