

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA  
AT CHANDIGARH

CRM No. M- 64456 of 2018

Decided on : 24.12.2018

**Shivani Rana and another**

**...Petitioners**

**Versus**

**State of Punjab and others**

**...Respondents**

**CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARSIMRAN SINGH SETHI**

Present: Ms. Gurmeet Kaur, Advocate for the petitioners.

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**Harsimran Singh Sethi, J.(Oral)**

The petitioners are seeking a direction from this Court to respondents No. 1 to 3 to protect their life and liberty as they apprehend danger to their life and liberty from respondents No. 4 to 7. Parents of the girl are objecting to the marriage between the petitioners and it is likely that they might cause any physical harm to them because they have solemnized the marriage against their wishes.

Learned counsel for the petitioners has drawn my attention to the representation dated 21.12.2018 (Annexure P-4) sent by the petitioners to respondent No. 2.

Issue notice to respondents No. 1 to 3 only.

At the asking of the Court Mr. Dhruv Dayal, Senior Deputy Advocate General, Punjab, accepts notice on behalf of respondents No. 1 to 3.

Without making any observation on the merits of the case, especially in respect of the marriage performed by the petitioners, a direction is issued to respondent Nos. 2 and 3 to take appropriate decision on the representation which the petitioners alleged to have made on 21.12.2018 expressing their apprehension about their life and liberty at the hands of respondents No. 4 to 7. In case any substance is found in the representation, the appropriate action will be taken by respondents No. 2 and 3 to ensure that no harm is caused to the life and liberty of the petitioners at the hands of the private respondents.

It is clarified that this order shall not be treated as an approval of this Court about the marriage of the parties and no opinion with regard to the validity of the marriage has been expressed in this order.

The writ petition stands disposed of.

**December 24, 2018**  
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**(HARSIMRAN SINGH SETHI)**  
**JUDGE**

*Whether speaking/reasoned ?*    *Yes/No*  
*Whether reportable ?*            *Yes/No*