

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

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**CRM-M No.854 of 2019.
Date of Decision: 10.01.2019.**

Preeti and another

....Petitioners.

Versus

State of Punjab and others

....Respondents.

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SHEKHER DHAWAN

Present: Mr. Varinder Basa, Advocate for the petitioners.

Shekher Dhawan, J.

Both the petitioners are present in the Court and are identified by their counsel. Copy of marriage certificate is taken on record.

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 20.12.2018.

Notice of motion to respondents No. 1 to 3 only.

On the asking of the Court, Mr. Ashok Kumar Singla, Senior Deputy Advocate General, Punjab, accepts notice on behalf of the respondents-State.

Having considered the submissions made by learned counsel

Police, Batala—respondent No.2, is directed to consider the representation dated 24.12.2018 (Annexure-P4) 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 above said observations made and directions issued, the present petition stands disposed of.

(SHEKHER DHAWAN)
JUDGE

10.01.2019
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Whether speaking/ reasoned : Yes/ No

Whether Reportable : Yes/ No