

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

**CRM-M No.12462 of 2019 (O&M)
Date of Decision: 18.03.2019**

Harmanpreet Kaur and another

..... Petitioners

Versus

State of Punjab and others

..... Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE MAHABIR SINGH SINDHU

Present:- Mr. Kiran Kumar, Advocate for the petitioners.

Mr. Sandeep Kumar, Deputy Advocate General, Punjab
for respondent Nos.1 to 3.

Mr. Sarvesh Kumar Gupta, Advocate for respondent Nos.4 & 5.

MAHABIR SINGH SINDHU, J. (Oral)

Present petition has been filed under Section 482 Cr.P.C. praying for protection to the life and liberty of the petitioners in view of the marriage solemnized by them against the wishes of respondent Nos.4 to 6.

2. In pursuance of the order, passed in pre-lunch session, report from the Mediator has been received, which reveals that statement of petitioner No.1 was recorded, vide which, she stated that both the petitioners are legally married and they wish to live as husband and wife. Although, the parties were relegated to the Mediation and Conciliation Centre of this Court, but still learned Counsel for the petitioners insists that petitioners apprehend threat to their life and liberty.

3. The documents annexed by the petitioners including Aadhaar Card of petitioner No.1 and Passport of petitioner No.2 show that both are major and are present in Court also, duly identified by their Counsel.

They apprehend threat to their life and liberty at the hands of respondent Nos.4 to 6. Therefore, the present petition is disposed off with a direction to respondent No.2/Senior Superintendent of Police, Batala to protect the life and liberty of the petitioners, as per law.

4. However, it is made clear that this order may not be construed as expression of an opinion on legality and validity of the marriage of the petitioners.

5. In case, any criminal case is pending against petitioner No.2, this order shall not be any hindrance to proceed according to law.

March 18, 2019

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(MAHABIR SINGH SINDHU)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned	Yes/No
Whether Reportable	Yes/No