

In the High Court of Punjab and Haryana, at Chandigarh

Criminal Misc. No. M-18846 of 2019

Date of Decision: 26.04.2019

Alpi Devi and Another

... Petitioner(s)

Versus

State of Punjab and Others

... Respondent(s)

CORAM: Hon'ble Mr. Justice Shekher Dhawan.

Present: Petitioners are in person.

Shekher Dhawan, J.

Both the petitioners are present in the Court.

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. Petitioners submitted that they performed marriage on 23.04.2019.

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

Having considered the submissions made by the petitioners and perusal of record, respondent No.2-Senior Superintendent of Police, Sangrur is directed to consider the representation dated 23.04.2019 (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 aforesaid observations made and directions issued, the present petition stands disposed of.

(Shekher Dhawan)
Judge

April 26, 2019
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Whether speaking/reasoned	: Yes/No
Whether reportable	: Yes/No