

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

**CRM-M-25383-2019
Decided on : 30.05.2019**

Lachmi Devi and another

. . . Petitioner(s)

Versus

State of Punjab and others

. . . Respondent(s)

CORAM: HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE MANJARI NEHRU KAUL

PRESENT: Mr. Vikram Jeet Singh, Advocate
for the petitioner(s).

MANJARI NEHRU KAUL, J. (Oral)

Prayer in the instant petition filed under Section 482 Cr.PC is for issuance of directions to respondents No.1 to 3, to provide protection of life and liberty to the petitioners, who have married against the wishes of respondents No.4 to 6.

2. Learned counsel for the petitioners submits that petitioner No.1 – Lachmi Devi, aged 19 years and petitioner No.2 – Satish Kumar, aged 23 years have got married against the wishes of their family members, arrayed as respondents No.4 to 6. It has been further submitted that the private respondents are threatening to interfere in the marital life of the petitioners. Hence, they are seeking protection in that regard and have approached this Court by way of filing the instant petition.

3. Notice of motion.

4. On the asking of Court, Mr. A. A.Pathak, Addl. AG, Punjab, who is present in Court, accepts notice on behalf of respondents No.1 to 3.

5. In view of the above, the present petition is disposed off with a direction to respondent No.2-Sr. Superintendent of Police, Barnala to look into the representation dated 27.05.2019 (Annexure P-5) *qua* threat perception, if any, and take necessary steps, if any required, in accordance with law, to ensure that the life and liberty of the petitioners is not jeopardized at the hands of the private

respondents. However, this direction will not validate the marriage said to have taken place between the parties and will have no effect on any civil or criminal action, which could be initiated in the matter in accordance with law.

(MANJARI NEHRU KAUL)
JUDGE

May 30, 2019

J.Ram

Whether speaking/reasoned: *Yes/No*

Whether Reportable: *Yes/No*