

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

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CRWP-646 of 2020.

Date of Decision: 23.01.2020.

Rachna Bhatti and another

....Petitioners.

Versus

State of Punjab and others

....Respondents.

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE LALIT BATRA

Present: Mr. Vishal Thakur, Advocate for petitioners.

Lalit Batra, J.(Oral)

Both the petitioners are present in the Court and are identified by their counsel.

Petitioners have sought protection of their life 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 life and liberty from private respondents. Learned counsel for the petitioners contended that the petitioners performed marriage on 16.01.2020.

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

On the asking of the Court, Mr. Harbir Sandhu, Assistant Advocate General, Punjab, accepts notice on behalf of respondent-State.

Having considered the submissions made by learned counsel for the petitioners and perusal of record, Senior Superintendent of Police,

Hoshiarpur, District Hoshiarpur-respondent No.2, is directed to consider the representation dated 17.01.2020 (Annexure P/5) 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.

(LALIT BATRA)
JUDGE

23.01.2020

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Whether speaking/ reasoned : Yes/ No

Whether Reportable : Yes/ No