

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

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CRWP-1124-2020.

Date of Decision: 03.02.2020.

Monika Rani and another

....Petitioners.

Versus

State of Punjab and others

....Respondents.

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE LALIT BATRA

Present: Mr. Hardeep Singh, Advocate for the 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 28.01.2020.

Notice of motion to respondents No. 1 to 4 only.

At the asking of Court, Mr. Harbir Sandhu, Assistant Advocate General, Punjab, accepts notice on behalf of respondents No.1 to 4.

Having considered the submissions made by learned counsel for the petitioners and perusal of record, respondents No.2 and 3-

Senior Superintendent of Police, Moga and Station House Officer, Police Station Kot Isse Khan, Tehsil Dharamkot, District Moga, are directed to consider the representation dated 28.01.2020 (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

03.02.2020

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Whether speaking/ reasoned : Yes/ No

Whether Reportable : Yes/ No