

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

CRWP-3047-2020

Date of Decision: 12.5.2020

Shweta Saini and another

...Petitioners

Versus

State of Punjab and others

...Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE RAJIV NARAIN RAINA

Present: Mr. Puneet Pali, Advocate
for the petitioners.

RAJIV NARAIN RAINA, J. (ORAL):

1. Case is taken up for hearing through video conferencing due to pandemic of COVID-19.
2. Issue notice of motion to the respondents.
3. On the asking of the Court, Ms. Monika Jalota, DAG Punjab accepts notice on behalf of the State.
4. This is a joint petition by petitioner Nos. 1 & 2 seeking protection of their life and liberty from the hands of respondent Nos. 4 to 6 and for not harassing them on any false criminal complaint. They state that they are married but their families oppose this union. Their adhaar card, marriage certificate and photographs of marriage are placed on record.
5. Ms. Jalota appearing for State on instructions from Inspector Hargurdev Singh, Police Station Tanda submits that petitioners have not made any representation to the Police so far on the

subject matter and they have approached this Court directly.

6. Be that as it may, since this Court is concerned only with the life and liberty of the petitioners under Article 21 of the Constitution of India, a direction must go to the Senior Superintendent of Police, District Hoshiarpur, Punjab to take steps as are required for the protection of the petitioners against the public and from the private respondents to avoid any untoward incident or bodily harm to the petitioners.

7. This order will not be treated as an expression of opinion on any of the issues lying between the petitioners and the respondents which have nothing to do with the petitioners' freedom; nor would this order be read as a recognition of marriage. This order will have no value for its passing other than by reason of Article 21 of the Constitution of India.

12.5.2020
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(RAJIV NARAIN RAINA)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned
Whether reportable-

Yes
Yes/No