

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA

AT CHANDIGARH

Criminal Writ Petition No.3339 of 2020

Date of Decision: 02.06.2020

Geeta Rani & another

...Petitioner(s)

Versus

State of Punjab & others

...Respondent(s)

CORAM:- HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARI PAL VERMA

Present:- Mr. Deepak K. Bartia, Advocate
for the petitioners.

Ms. Monika Jalota, DAG, Punjab.

HARI PAL VERMA, J. (Oral)

The matter has been taken up for hearing through video conferencing due to outbreak of COVID-19.

Prayer in this petition filed under Articles 226/227 of the Constitution of India is for issuance of writ in the nature of mandamus directing respondents No.1 to 3 to protect the life and liberty of the petitioners at the hands of respondents no.4 to 6.

Learned counsel for the petitioners contends that the petitioners are major and have solemnized their marriage in accordance with law. However, the private respondents are not accepting their marriage and are adamant to separate them from each other by resorting to illegal means. Learned counsel further submits that in view of imminent danger to the life and liberty of the petitioners, they have moved a

representation dated 29.05.2020 (Annexure P-5) to the Senior Superintendent of Police (Rural), Ludhiana.

Notice of motion to respondents No.1 to 3 only at this stage.

At the asking of the Court, Ms. Monika Jalota, DAG, Punjab accepts notice on behalf of these respondents.

Without going into the validity of the marriage of the petitioners, the present petition is disposed of with a direction to the respondent No.2 – Senior Superintendent of Police (Rural), Ludhiana to take appropriate remedial measures on the representation dated 29.05.2020 (Annexure P-5) submitted by the petitioners as warranted by law.

In the meantime, necessary order be passed to ensure that no harm is caused to the life and liberty of the petitioners.

June 02, 2020
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(HARI PAL VERMA)
JUDGE

Whether speaking / reasoned?
Whether reportable?

Yes / No
Yes / No