

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

CRWP No. 3619 of 2020

Date of Decision: 11.6.2020

Sonia Rani and another

...Petitioners

Vs.

State of Punjab and others

...Respondents

CORAM:- HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE RAJIV NARAIN RAINA

Present: Mr.Arun Gupta , Advocate for the petitioners.
Mr. Suveer Sheokhand, Addl. AG Punjab.

RAJIV NARAIN RAINA, J. (Oral)

1. Case is taken up for hearing today through video conferencing due to pandemic of COVID-19.

2. Petitioners have married against the wishes of their parents when the girl was major but the boy was not. Petitioner No.1 is in the family way and is pregnant by two/three months. She seeks protection against her parents i.e. Respondent Nos. 4 and 5 who are unable to swallow their relationship and are aggressively against the daughter in contracting the marriage at such a tender age. They have approached this Court for directions to protect their life and liberty. This Court is not concerned with anything other than the protection of the petitioners as the prayer is based upon Article 21 of the Constitution of India and, therefore, deserves the immediate attention of the Police Department to ensure that the couple is not unduly harassed by anyone including their respective parents. Accordingly, the orders in the protection matters are to be read in isolation in the context of Article 21 of the Constitution of India and it is the duty of the Police to maintain law and order and protect them in every possible way.

3. Therefore, a direction must go to the Senior Superintendent of

Police, District Sangrur to take steps which is consistent with their safety.

These directions are issued as guided by the Supreme Court in Lata Singh Vs. State of UP and another, 2006 (3) RCR (Criminal) 870.

4. With these directions, the instant petition is disposed of without expressing any opinion on the validity of marriage.

(RAJIV NARAIN RAINA)
JUDGE

11.6.2020
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Whether speaking/reasoned	:Yes/No
Whether reportable	:yes/No