

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

CRWP No. 3626 of 2020

Date of Decision: 11.6.2020

Seema Rani and another

...Petitioners

Vs.

State of Punjab and others

...Respondents

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

Present: Mr. Mikhail Kad, 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. They have approached this Court for directions to protect their life and liberty. 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.

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