

Sr. No.118

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

**CRWP-4500 of 2020 (O&M)
Date of Decision: 09.07.2020**

Amandeep Kaur & Anr.

...Petitioners

Versus

State of Punjab & Ors.

... Respondents

CORAM:- HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ARUN MONGA

Present:- Mr.Vidit Bansal, Advocate,
for the petitioners.

Mr.Ramdeep Partap Singh, DAG Punjab.
(Presence marked through video conference)

ARUN MONGA, J. (ORAL)

1. The petitioners are seeking issuance of appropriate directions to official respondents No.1 to 3 to protect their life and liberty, being a fundamental right, as envisaged under article 21 of the Constitution of India. Petitioners allege that they are under imminent threat from respondents No.4 to 7. It is stated that both are majors and have been purportedly in in love with each other for quite sometime. But their relationship is/was not acceptable to their family members and allegedly, petitioner no.2 was forcibly married with someone against his wishes. Resultantly, both the petitioners ran away from their home and now they apprehend threat to their life. As per petition, petitioner No.2 has not taken divorce from his wife.

2. Learned counsel for the petitioners submits per his instructions both the petitioners are fearing serious threat to their life not only from their family members on account of “honour killing”, but also from Panchayat Members of their respective villages. They are being hounded are currently in

the hiding. He further submits that both the petitioners are so fearful of their being subjected to “honor killing”, that they have been contemplating committing of suicide and, therefore, earnestly seek indulgence of this Court for protection of their life.

3. The contents of the petition along with Annexures thereof have been perused. The petitioners have submitted representation dated 30.06.2020 (Annexure P-1) to respondents No.2 and 3 seeking protection of their lives and liberty at the hands of private respondents No.4 to 7.

4. Without expressing any opinion on the legitimacy of the relationship between the petitioners and keeping in view Judgment rendered by Apex Court in **Lata Singh Vs. State of U.P. & Anr. 2006(2) SCC (Crl.) 487**, the petition is disposed of with a direction to respondent No.2 i.e. Senior Superintendent of Police, Ferozepur, that contents of representation dated 30.06.2020 (Annexure P-1) submitted by the petitioners seeking protection of life and liberty be duly verified and if necessary, requisite steps be taken, in accordance with law for grant of protection of life and liberty to the petitioners. It is clarified that this order is only for the purpose of protection of life of the petitioners and shall not have any reflection on the merits of the contentions raised by them in the present petition and shall not confer any kind of immunity and/or legitimacy to their relationship, in case it is found that they have committed any wrong.

(ARUN MONGA)
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Whether speaking/reasoned

Yes/No

Whether Reportable

Yes/No