

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

**CRWP No.4738 of 2020 (O&M)
DECIDED ON : 13.07.2020**

Bandna Devi @ Vandana Devi & Anr

...Petitioners

Versus

State of Punjab & Ors.

...Respondents

CORAM:- HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE GIRISH AGNIHOTRI.

Present:- Mr. S.K. Chaoudhary, Advocate, for the petitioners.

Mr. J.P. Ratra, DAG, Punjab.

GIRISH AGNIHOTRI, J. (ORAL)

The matter has been taken up through video-conferencing on account of lockdown due to outbreak of pandemic COVID-19.

The petitioners, namely, Bandna Devi @ Vandana Devi and Sawan Singh who claim themselves to be major have filed the present petition *inter alia* praying for protection of their life and liberty since they approached threat to the same having married against the wishes of their parents and relatives.

Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that in this regard, a detailed representation (Annexure P-5) was submitted to respondent No.2-Senior Superintendent of Police, Hoshiarpur (Punjab).

While refraining from making any expression as regards the veracity of the averments made in the petition, the petition is disposed of with a direction that in case the petitioners approach the police authorities concerned with above representation with regard to their alleged threat perception, the same shall be got examined by the Senior Superintendent of

Police, Hoshiarpur (Punjab) (respondent No.2), expeditiously in accordance with law and necessary steps as may be warranted under the facts and circumstances of the case be taken thereupon forthwith.

A copy of this order be sent to the Senior Superintendent of Police, Hoshiarpur (Punjab) (respondent No.2), so as to enable the said authority to do the needful expeditiously.

Needless to say that the aforesaid order shall not be construed to be an expression as regards the validity of the alleged marriage of the parties.

(GIRISH AGNIHOTRI)
JUDGE

13.07.2020

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Whether speaking/reasoned : YES/NO
Whether reportable : YES/NO