

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

CRWP-4810-2020

Decided on : 15.07.2020

Komal and another

. . . Petitioner(s)

Versus

State of Punjab and others

. . . Respondent(s)

CORAM: HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE MANJARI NEHRU KAUL

PRESENT: Mr. Ramesh Sharma, Advocate, for the petitioner(s).

MANJARI NEHRU KAUL, J. (Oral)

Due to the outbreak of pandemic COVID-19, the instant case is being taken up for hearing through video conferencing.

Prayer in the instant petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India, is for issuance of directions to respondents No.2 and 3, to provide protection of life and liberty to the petitioners, who have married against the wishes of respondents No.4 to 6.

2. Learned counsel for the petitioners submits that petitioner No.1 – Komal, aged 19 years and petitioner No.2 – Surjeet Kumar @ Surjeet, aged 18 years have got married on 12th July, 2020, against the wishes of their family members, arrayed as respondents No.4 to 6. It has been further submitted that the private respondents are threatening to interfere in the marital life of the petitioners. Hence, they are seeking protection in that regard and have approached this Court by way of filing the instant petition.

3. In view of the above, the present petition is disposed off with a direction to respondent No.2 – Sr. Superintendent of Police, Fazilka to look into the representation dated 13.07.2020 (Annexure P-4) *qua* threat perception, if any, and take necessary steps, if any required, in accordance with law, to ensure that the life and liberty of the petitioners is not jeopardized at the hands of the private respondents. However, this direction will not validate the marriage said to have taken place between the parties and will have no effect on any civil or criminal action, which could be initiated in the matter in accordance with law.

**(MANJARI NEHRU KAUL)
JUDGE**

July 15, 2020

J.Ram

Whether speaking/reasoned: Yes/No

Whether Reportable: Yes/No