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

CRWP-4840-2020

Date of decision: 16.07.2020

GEETA DEVI AND ANOTHER

... Petitioners

versus

STATE OF PUNJAB AND OTHERS

.... Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARI PAL VERMA

Present: Ms. Arti Kaur, Advocate, for
Mr. Rahul Bhargava, Advocate,
for the petitioners.

HARI PAL VERMA, J.(Oral)

The matter has been taken up for hearing through video conferencing due to outbreak of COVID-19.

Prayer in this criminal writ petition filed under Articles 226/227 of the Constitution of India is for issuance of writ in the nature of mandamus for directing respondents No.2 & 3 to protect the life and liberty of the petitioners at the hands of private respondents No.4 & 5.

Learned counsel for the petitioners contends that the petitioners are major and have solemnized their marriage in accordance with law. However, the private respondents are not accepting their marriage and are adamant to separate them from each other by resorting to illegal means. Learned counsel further submits that in view of imminent danger to the life and liberty of the petitioners, they have moved a representation dated 08.07.2020 (Annexure P-5) to respondent No.2-Senior Superintendent of Police, Hoshiarpur.

Notice of motion to respondents No.1 to 3 only at this stage.

At the asking of the Court, Mr. Gaurav Dhuriwala, Senior D.A.G., Punjab, accepts notice on behalf of respondents No.1 to 3.

Without going into the validity of the marriage of the petitioners, the present petition is disposed of with a direction to the respondent No.2-Senior Superintendent of Police, Hoshiarpur to take appropriate remedial measures on the representation dated 08.07.2020 (Annexure P-5) submitted by the petitioners as warranted by law.

In the meantime, necessary order be passed to ensure that no harm is caused to the life and liberty of the petitioners.

(HARI PAL VERMA)
JUDGE

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Whether speaking/reasoned?	Yes/No
Whether reportable?	Yes/No