

**113 IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH
(through video conferencing)**

CRWP-4985-2020
Decided on : 20.07.2020

Suruchi Sharma & anr. Petitioners

Versus

State of Punjab & ors. Respondents

CORAM : HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE MANJARI NEHRU KAUL

Present : Mr. Kiranpal Rana, Advocate
for the petitioners.

Manjari Nehru Kaul, J.

Prayer in the instant petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India is for issuance of writ in the nature of mandamus directing respondents No.2 and 3 to protect the life and liberty of the petitioners, who have married against the wishes of respondent No.4 to 7.

2. Learned counsel for the petitioners submits that petitioner No.1 – Suruchi Sharma, aged 21 years and petitioner No.2 – Raghav, aged 25 years have got married against the wishes of their family members, arrayed as respondents No.4 to 7. It has further been 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. Notice of motion.

4. On the asking of Court, Ms. Monika Jalota, DAG, Punjab accepts notice on behalf of respondents No.1 to 3.

5. In view of the above, the petition is disposed off with a direction to respondent No.2 - Sr. Superintendent of Police (Rural),

Pathankot to look into the representation dated 14.07.2020 (Annexure P-5) 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

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Whether speaking/reasoned:	Yes/No
Whether reportable :	Yes/No