

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

**CRWP No.5398 of 2020 (O&M)
Date of decision: 29.07.2020**

Seema Kaur @ Seema Rani and another

.....Petitioners

Versus

State of Punjab and others

.....Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE MAHABIR SINGH SINDHU

Present: Mr. Ashok Kumar Khunger, Advocate for the petitioners.

MAHABIR SINGH SINDHU, J. (Oral)

1. Present criminal writ petition under Articles 226/227 of the Constitution of India has been filed by the petitioners praying for protection to their life and liberty in view of the marriage solemnized by them against the wishes of respondent Nos.4 to 7.
2. Notice of motion.
3. Mr. Ajaypal Singh Gill, DAG, Punjab accepts notice on behalf of respondent Nos.1 to 3 and requisite copies of the petition have already been supplied to the State by the learned Counsel for the petitioners.
4. Paper-book reveals that marriage of the petitioners was solemnized on 27.07.2020. The documents annexed by the petitioners with the petition including Birth Certificate of petitioner No.1, got issued by the Chowkidar of the Village, and Aadhar Card of petitioner No.2 (P-1 & P-4, respectively) show that both are major and duly identified by their Counsel, but apprehending danger to their life and liberty at the hands of respondent Nos.4 to 7.

5. Therefore, the present petition is disposed off with a direction to respondent No.2-Senior Superintendent of Police, Sri Muktsar Sahib to protect the life and liberty of the petitioners as per law.
6. However, it is made clear that this order may not be construed as expression of an opinion on legality and validity of the marriage of the petitioners.
7. In case any criminal case is pending against petitioner No.2, this order shall not be any hindrance for the Investigating Officer to proceed according to law.

July 29, 2020
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(MAHABIR SINGH SINDHU)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned	Yes/No
Whether Reportable	Yes/No