

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT CHANDIGARH

CRWP.no.6411 of 2020

Date of Decision: 26.08.2020

Balwinder Singh and another

.... Petitioners

versus

State of Punjab and others

.... Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE AMOL RATTAN SINGH

Present: Ms. Gurjeet Kaur, Advocate, for
Mr. Lakhwinder S. Lakhanpal, Advocate,
for the petitioners

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AMOL RATTAN SINGH, J. (ORAL)

All cases listed today have been taken up for hearing by way of video conferencing because of the situation existing due to the Covid-19 Pandemic.

By this petition, the petitioners seek protection of life and liberty at the hands of respondents no.4 to 10, who are stated to be the parents and relatives of petitioner no.2, upon them having married each other (as contended) against the wishes of the said respondents, on 18.8.2020.

Learned counsel for the petitioner submits that both the petitioners are obviously well above the age of majority, petitioner no.1 being 31 years of age and petitioner no.2 being 32 years of age, she also having been earlier married but with her first husband having unfortunately died.

Protection of life and liberty being a fundamental right of every citizen, enshrined in Article 21 of the Constitution of India, without making any comment whatsoever on the validity of the marriage, or otherwise, this

petition is disposed of with a direction to respondents no.2 and 3 to ensure that the lives and liberty of the petitioners are not put to any harm or threat at the hands of the aforesaid respondents, or at their behest.

Further, it is made clear that if any of the averments made in the petition is found to be incorrect, specifically with regard to either the petitioners being in any prohibited relationship to each other, or as regards their previous marital status, this order shall not be construed to be a bar on proceedings initiated as per law.

26.08.2020	(AMOL RATTAN SINGH)
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Whether speaking/reasoned	Yes
Whether Reportable	No