

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

**CRWP No. 6471 of 2020
Date of decision: 27.08.2020.**

Ruchika and another Petitioners.

Versus

State of Punjab and others Respondents.

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL

Present:- Mr. Ranbir Singh Pathania, Advocate, for the petitioners.

Mr. Dhruv Dayal, Sr. DAG, Punjab, for respondents No. 1 to 5.

ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL, J. (ORAL)

Heard through video conferencing.

The petitioners are seeking a direction to the official respondents to protect their life and liberty, as they apprehend danger from respondents No. 6 and 7.

It is stated in the petition that petitioners have performed their marriage, which is against the will of private respondents and they have apprehension that the private respondents might cause physical harm to them.

Learned counsel for the petitioners has drawn my attention to the representation dated 24.08.2020 (Annexure P5) sent by the petitioners to the Senior Superintendent of Police, Hoshiarpur (respondent No. 2) and the Senior Superintendent of Police, Pathankot (respondent No. 4).

Issue notice to respondents No. 1 to 5 only.

At the asking of the Court, Mr. Dhruv Dayal, Senior DAG,

Punjab, accepts notice on behalf of respondents No. 1 to 5.

Keeping in view the mandate of the Supreme Court in the case of Lata Singh vs. State of U.P. and another, JT 2006 (6) SC 173, the present petition is disposed of with a direction to the Senior Superintendent of Police, Hoshiarpur (respondent No. 2) and the Senior Superintendent of Police, Pathankot (respondent No. 4) to look into the matter and take appropriate action in accordance with law to ensure that no harm is caused to the life and liberty of the petitioners at the hands of the private respondents.

It is clarified that this order shall not be treated as a stamp of this Court about the marriage of the parties and no opinion with regard to the validity of the marriage has been expressed in this order.

(ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL)
JUDGE

27.08.2020
Ramesh

Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes/No

Whether reportable : Yes/No