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**IN THE PUNJAB AND HARYANA HIGH COURT AT
CHANDIGRH**

CRWP-7151-2020

Date of Decision: 14.09.2020

MANPREET KAUR AND ANR.

...Petitioners.

VERSUS

STATE OF PUNJAB AND OTHERS

...Respondents.

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE MAHABIR SINGH SINDHU.

Present: Mr. D.S. Nigha, Advocate for petitioners.

MAHABIR SINGH SINDHU, J.

Present criminal writ petition has been filed by the petitioners under Article 226 of the Constitution of India praying for protection of their life and liberty in view of the marriage solemnized by them against the wishes of respondent nos.4 to 6.

Notice of motion.

Mr. N.K. Banka, DAG, Punjab accepts notice on behalf of respondents no.1 to 3 and requisite copies of the petition have already been supplied to the State by the learned counsel for the petitioners.

Paper book reveals that marriage of petitioner nos.1 and 2 was solemnized on 09.09.2020. The documents annexed by petitioners with the petition including their Aadhar Cards (P-1 & P-2) 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 6.

Therefore, the present petition is disposed off, with a direction to respondent no.3 – SHO, Police Station: Mehtiana, District Hoshiarpur to protect the life and liberty of petitioners, as per law.

However, it is made clear that this order may not be construed as expression of an opinion on the legality and validity of the marriage of petitioners.

In case any criminal case is pending against petitioner no.2, this order shall not be any hindrance for the Investigating Officer to proceed in accordance with law.

14 September, 2020.
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(MAHABIR SINGH SINDHU)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasonable : Yes/No.

Whether reportable : Yes/No.