

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

110)

CRWP no.7542 of 2020 (O&M)
Date of Decision: 23.09.2020

Anita and another

...Petitioners

Versus

State of Punjab and others

...Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE AMOL RATTAN SINGH

Present:- Mr. Fatehjeet Singh, for the petitioners.

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 and 5, upon the petitioners having married each other (as contended) against the wishes of the said respondents, on 20.09.2020.

On a specific query put to learned counsel for the petitioners, it has been stated that neither of the petitioners are in any prohibited relationship to each other. However, he submits that petitioner no.1 was earlier married, with her husband died on 02.02.2019. He states that he has obtained specific instructions from the petitioners in that regard.

Consequently, since protection of life and liberty is a fundamental right of every citizen under 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.

23.09.2020

(AMOL RATTAN SINGH)

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JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned :Yes

Whether Reportable :No