

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

CRWP No.7771 of 2020.

Decided on:- September 28, 2020.

Lakshmi and another

.....Petitioners.

Versus

State of Punjab and others

.....Respondents.

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARI PAL VERMA.

Present:- Mr. Barjesh Kumar Sharma, Advocate
for the petitioners.

HARI PAL VERMA, J. (Oral)

The matter has been taken up for hearing through video conferencing due to outbreak of COVID-19.

Prayer in this criminal writ petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India is for issuance of a writ in the nature of mandamus directing the official respondents No.1 to 3 to protect the life and liberty of the petitioners at the hands of private respondents No.4 to 6.

Learned counsel for the petitioners contends that the petitioners are major and have solemnized their marriage in accordance with law. However, respondents No.4 to 6 are not accepting their marriage and are adamant to separate them from each other by resorting to illegal means. Learned counsel further submits that in view of imminent danger to the life and liberty of the petitioners, petitioner No.1 had moved a representation dated 21.09.2020 (Annexure P-5) to respondent No.2-Senior Superintendent of Police, Mohali.

Notice of motion to respondents No.1 to 3 only at this stage.

On asking of the Court, Mr. Luvinder Sofat, A.A.G., Punjab accepts notice on behalf of these respondents.

In view of the above, without going into the validity of the marriage, the present petition is disposed of with a direction to the respondent No.2 to take appropriate remedial measures, as warranted by law, on the representation dated 21.09.2020 (Annexure P-5) submitted by petitioner No.1.

In the meantime, necessary order be passed to ensure that no harm is caused to the life and liberty of the petitioners at the hands of private respondents No.4 to 6.

September 28, 2020
Yag Dutt

(HARI PAL VERMA)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned: Yes

Whether Reportable: No