

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB & HARYANA  
AT CHANDIGARH

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CRWP No.7891 of 2020

Date of Decision: October 01, 2020

Lachmi Devi and another

.....Petitioners

Vs.

State of Punjab and others

.....Respondents

**CORAM: HON'BLE MR JUSTICE VIVEK PURI**

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Present: Mr. Sushil K. Sharma Advocate for the petitioners

*(The case has been taken up through video conferencing on  
account of Covid-19 Pandemic)*

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**VIVEK PURI, J. (Oral)**

Heard.

Learned counsel for the petitioners had relied upon the judgment of Hon'ble Supreme Court of India in the case of **Nandakumar and another Versus State of Kerala and others, 2018 AIR (SC) 2254** and judgment of this Court in **CWP No. 31834 of 2019 titled as Megha and another Versus State of Haryana and others, decided on 04.11.2019.**

It has been stated that although both the petitioners are major but petitioner No.2 has not attained the age for valid marriage. The petitioners have solemnized their marriage on 28.09.2020. The petitioners are apprehending threat and danger to their lives and liberty at the instance of respondent Nos. 4 to 7 who are the relatives of petitioner No.1.

Notice of motion to official respondents only.

Mr. Rana Harjasdeep Singh, DAG, Punjab, accepts notice on behalf of official respondents.

Without dilating further, suffice is to say that the Court is primarily concerned with the petitioners' right to protect their lives and liberty against any perceived threat at the instance of third party as such right has been guaranteed to them as per Article 21 of the Constitution of India.

It has been pointed out that a representation dated 28.09.2020 (Annexure P-4) has already been submitted to respondent No.2-Senior Superintendent of Police, Sangrur, District Sangrur, Punjab.

Without making any further observations on the merits or legality and validity of the relationship, the petition is disposed of with a direction to respondent No.2 to look into the grievance of the petitioners as projected through a representation dated 28.09.2020 (Annexure P-4) in accordance with law and furthermore, take remedial action, if the apprehension of danger is real and genuine one.

This order is not to be construed as any opinion with regard to the age, legality and validity of relationship of the petitioners or with regard to any civil or criminal proceedings.

( VIVEK PURI)  
JUDGE

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| Whether speaking/reasoned : | Yes/No |
| Whether Reportable :        | Yes/No |