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

CRWP-8479-2020**Date of Decision: 16.10.2020**

KOMAL SHARMA & ANOTHER

...Petitioners

VERSUS

STATE OF PUNJAB AND OTHERS

...Respondents

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

Present: Mr. Navraj Singh, Advocate for petitioners.

MAHABIR SINGH SINDHU, J.

Present criminal writ petition under Article 226 of the Constitution of India has been filed by the petitioners praying for protection to their life and liberty, in view of the marriage solemnized by them against the wishes of respondents No.4 to 8.

2. Notice of motion.

3. Mr. V.G. Jauhar, Sr. 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.

4. Paper-book reveals that marriage of petitioners No.1 and 2 was solemnized on 13.10.2020. The documents annexed by the petitioners with the petition including their Aadhar Cards (P-1 & P-3) and copies of their Birth Certificates (P-2 & P-4) show that both are major and duly identified by their counsel, but apprehending danger to their life and liberty at the hands of respondents No.4 to 8.

5. Therefore, the present petition is disposed off, with a direction to respondent No.3 – S.H.O. Police Station City Phagwara, District Kapurthala to protect the life and liberty of the petitioners, as per law.

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

7. In case any criminal case is registered or to be registered against petitioner No.2, this order shall not be any hindrance for the Investigating Officer to proceed according to law.

16 October, 2020

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**(MAHABIR SINGH SINDHU)
JUDGE**

Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes/No

Whether reportable : Yes/No