

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

CRWP No.8814 of 2020.

Decided on:- October 27, 2020.

Rajesh Kumar and another

.....Petitioners.

Versus

State of Punjab and others

.....Respondents.

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

Present:- Mr. Manik Makkar, 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.2 and 3 to protect the life and liberty of the petitioners at the hands of private respondents No.4 to 8.

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 8 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, they had moved a representation dated 21.10.2020 (Annexure P-6) to the Superintendent of Police, District Patiala.

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

On asking of the Court, Mr. Bhupender Beniwal, 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 i.e. Senior Superintendent of Police, District Patiala to take appropriate remedial measures, as warranted by law, on the representation dated 21.10.2020 (Annexure P-6) submitted by the petitioners.

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 8.

October 27, 2020

Yag Dutt

**(HARI PAL VERMA)
JUDGE**

Whether speaking/reasoned: Yes

Whether Reportable: No