

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

CRWP No.9371 of 2020

Date of Decision:11.11.2020

ANSHIKA MAHINDRU AND ANOTHER

...Petitioners

Versus

STATE OF PUNJAB AND OTHERS

...Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARI PAL VERMA

Present: Mr. Amit 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 respondent No.2 to protect the life and liberty of the petitioners at the hands of respondents No.3 to 5.

Learned counsel for the petitioners contends that the petitioners are major and have solemnized their marriage in accordance with law. However, the private respondents 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 has moved an application dated 07.11.2020 (Annexure P-4) to respondent No.2- Commissioner of Police, Ludhiana.

Notice of motion to respondents No.1 and 2 only at this stage.

At the asking of the Court, Mr. Amar Ashok Pathak, Addl. AG, Punjab, accepts notice on behalf of respondent No. 2.

Without going into the validity of the marriage of the petitioners, the present petition is disposed of with a direction to the respondent No.2 – Commissioner of Police, Ludhiana to take appropriate remedial measures on the application dated 07.11.2020 (Annexure P-4) submitted by petitioner No.1 as warranted by law.

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.

November 11, 2020

**(HARI PAL VERMA)
JUDGE**

Jyoti-IT Whether speaking/reasoned Yes/No Whether Reportable Yes/No