

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB & HARYANA  
AT CHANDIGARH

107

CRWP No.9597 of 2020

Date of Decision: November 19, 2020

Seema Bhandari @ Seema and another

.....Petitioners

Vs.

State of Punjab and others

.....Respondents

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

Present: Mr. Rajesh K. Dadwal, Advocate for the petitioners.

Mr. Ramdeep Pratap Singh, DAG, Punjab.

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**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 and 5.

Learned counsel for the petitioners submits that petitioner No.1 is a widow, having three children from her earlier marriage and the children are not staying with her. He further contends that the petitioners are major and have solemnized their marriage in accordance with law. However, respondents No.4 and 5 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 20.10.2020 (Annexure P-5) to the respondent No.3-SHO, Police Station Mehtiana, Hoshiarpur.

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

On asking of the Court, Mr. Ramdeep Pratap Singh, DAG, 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 20.10.2020 (Annexure P-5) 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 and 5.

**( HARI PAL VERMA)**  
**JUDGE**

November 19, 2020  
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