

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

CRWP-10295-2020

Date of Decision: 10.12.2020

POONAM RANI AND ANOTHER

.....Petitioners

V/s.

STATE OF PUNJAB AND OTHERS

.....Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE MANJARI NEHRU KAUL.

(Through Video Conferencing)

Present: Mr. Gurvinder Singh Aulakh, Advocate,
for the petitioners.

MANJARI NEHRU KAUL, J. (Oral)

Prayer in the instant petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India is for issuance of directions to respondents No.2 and 3 to protect the life and liberty of the petitioners, who have married against the wishes of private respondents i.e. respondents No.4 to 7.

Learned counsel for the petitioners submits that petitioner No.1 – Poonam Rani, aged 22 years and petitioner No.2 – Rajveer Singh, aged 25 years, have got married on 04.12.2020 against the wishes of their family members, arrayed as respondents No.4 to 7. It has further been submitted that the private respondents are threatening to interfere in the marital life of the petitioners. Hence, they have approached respondent No.2 by filing representation dated 05.12.2020 (Annexure P-5) seeking protection in that regard and have also approached this Court by way of filing the instant petition.

Notice of motion.

On the asking of Court, Ms. Bhavna Gupta, Deputy Advocate General, Punjab, who is present in Court, accepts notice on behalf of respondents No.1 to 3.

In view of the above, the petition is disposed off with a direction to respondent No.2-Superintendent of Police, Sri Muktsar Sahib District, Sri Muktsar Sahib to look into the representation dated 05.12.2020 (Annexure P-5) at the earliest and take necessary steps, if any required, in accordance with law, to ensure that the life and liberty of the petitioners is not jeopardized at the hands of the private respondents. However, this direction will not validate the marriage said to have taken place between the parties and will have no effect on any civil or criminal action, which could be initiated in the matter in accordance with law.

December 10, 2020

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**[MANJARI NEHRU KAUL]
JUDGE**

Whether speaking / reasoned : *Yes /No.*

Whether Reportable : *Yes/No*