

Sr. No.104

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

CRWP-10343-2020

Date of Decision:11.12.2020

Salochna Yadav and another

... Petitioners

Vs.

State of Punjab and others

... Respondents

Coram : HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE MANJARI NEHRU KAUL

Present : Mr. Surinder Gandhi, Advocate
for the petitioners.

Manjari Nehru Kaul, J. (Oral)

Prayer in the instant petition filed under Article 226/227 of the Constitution of India is for issuance of directions to respondents No.1 to 4 to protect the life and liberty of the petitioners, who have married against the wishes of private respondents i.e. respondents No.5 and 6.

2. Learned counsel for the petitioners submits that petitioner No.1-Salochna Yadav, aged 23 years and petitioner No.2-Stephen Masih, aged 24 years, are major and are in a live in relationship against the wishes of their family members, arrayed as respondents No. 5 and 6. It has further been submitted that the private respondents are extending threats of dire consequences to the petitioners. Hence, they have approached respondent No.3 by filing representation dated 08.12.2020 (Annexure P-3) seeking protection in that regard and have also approached this Court by way of filing the instant petition.

3. Notice of motion.

4. On the asking of Court, Ms. Monika Jalota, D.A.G. Punjab, who is present through Video Conferencing, accepts notice on behalf of respondents No.1 to 4.

5. In view of the above, the petition is disposed off with a direction to respondent No.3- Sr. Superintendent of Police, Gurdaspur to look into the representation dated 08.12.2020 (Annexure P-3) 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 status of the petitioners as stated in the petition and will have no effect on any civil or criminal action, which could be initiated in the matter in accordance with law.

11.12.2020

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**(Manjari Nehru Kaul)
Judge****Whether speaking/reasoned****Yes/No****Whether reportable****Yes/No**