

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

CRWP-10448-2020

Date of Decision: 15.12.2020

SHABNAM 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. Armaan Gagneja, 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.2 and 3, to provide protection of life and liberty to the petitioners, who have married against the wishes of private respondents.

Learned counsel for the petitioners submits that both the petitioners are major, petitioner No.1 – Shabnam Rani, aged 18 years and petitioner No.2 – Sourav, aged 21 years and have got married on 09.12.2020 against the wishes of their family members, arrayed as respondents No.4 to 8. It has been further submitted that the private respondents are threatening to interfere in the marital life of the petitioners. Hence, they are seeking protection in that regard and have approached this Court by way of filing the instant petition.

Notice of motion.

On the asking of the Court Mr. Saurav Khurana, Deputy Advocate General, Punjab, who has joined the proceedings through video conferencing accepts notice on behalf of the official respondents.

In view of the limited prayer made by the petitioners, the petition is disposed off with a direction to respondent No.2 – Senior Superintendent of Police, Sri Muktsar Sahib, to look into the representation dated 09.12.2020 (Annexure P-4) 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 15, 2020

Ess Kay

**[MANJARI NEHRU KAUL]
JUDGE**

Whether speaking / reasoned : *Yes / No*

Whether Reportable : *Yes / No*