

**IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT
CHANDIGARH
CRWP-10947-2020
Date of Decision: 30.12.2020**

Ragini Kumari and another ... Petitioners

Versus

State of Punjab and others ... Respondents

CORAM : Hon'ble Mr. Justice Ashok Kumar Verma

Present : Mr. Dinesh Nagar, Advocate
for the petitioners.

ASHOK KUMAR VERMA, J.(Oral)

The matter has been taken up through video conferencing in the light of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Through this petition under Article 226 of the Constitution of India, prayer has been made for issuance of direction to respondents No.2 and 3 to protect the life and liberty of the newly married petitioners from the hands of private respondents No.4 to 10 and their other companions.

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, petitioners have moved a representation dated 17.12.2020 (Annexure P-5) to respondent No.2-Senior Superintendent of Police, SBS Nagar.

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

At the asking of the Court, Mr. Bhupender Beniwal, AAG, Punjab accepts notice on behalf of respondents No.1 to 3.

The contents of the petition alongwith Annexures thereof have been perused. The present petition is disposed of with a direction to respondent No.2-Senior Superintendent of Police, SBS Nagar, that the contents of the representation dated 17.12.2020 (Annexure P-5) seeking protection of life and liberty be duly verified and if necessary, requisite steps be taken strictly in accordance with law for grant of protection of life and liberty of the petitioners. It is clarified that this order shall neither be treated as a stamp of this Court qua marriage of the petitioners nor any reflection on the merits of the contentions raised by them in the present petition.

(ASHOK KUMAR VERMA)
JUDGE

30.12.2020

Parveen Sharma

Whether reasoned/speaking
Whether reportable

Yes/No
Yes/No