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

CRWP-10840-2020
Date of Decision: 24.12.2020

NAINA DEVI AND ANR ... PETITIONERS

VS.

STATE OF HARYANA AND ORS .. RESPONDENTS

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE VIVEK PURI

Present : Mr. Parveen Sharma, Advocate, for the petitioners.

VIVEK PURI, J.(ORAL)

The matter has been taken up through video-conferencing due to COVID-19 pandemic.

It has been stated that both the petitioners have attained the age for a valid marriage. The marriage of the petitioners has been solemnized on 18.12.2020. Copy of marriage certificate dated 18.12.2020 (Annexure P-5) and photographs (Annexure P-6) are on record. Apprehending danger to their lives, at the instance of private respondents, who are the relatives of the petitioners, the present petition has been instituted. The allegations are also substantiated with the affidavit of petitioner No.1.

Notice of motion to official respondents only.

Mr. Anmol Malik, DAG, Haryana accepts notice on behalf of official respondents. However, Mr. Vikram Rana, Advocate, has also filed vakalatnama on behalf of respondents No. 4 and 5 but it has not been disputed that the petitioners are entitled to protection in the event they are apprehending danger to their life and liberty.

The present petition is disposed of with a direction to respondent No.2 to look into the matter and if he finds that apprehension of danger to the lives and personal liberty of the petitioners is real, he shall take appropriate steps to ensure their protection as he feels necessary, in such circumstances of the case.

This order is not to be construed as any opinion with regard to the age of the petitioners or factum or validity of their marriage or any civil or criminal proceedings.

24.12.2020 **(VIVEK PURI)**
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Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes/No
Whether Reportable : Yes/No