

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

**CRWP-10962-2020
Date of Decision : 29.12.2020**

Anju Bala and another Petitioners
Versus
State of Haryana and others Respondents

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ASHOK KUMAR VERMA

Present : Mr. Saurabh Arora, Advocate
for the petitioners.

ASHOK KUMAR VERMA, J. (Oral)

The matter has been taken up through video-conferencing on account of outbreak of Pandemic COVID-19.

Through this petition under Articles 226/227 of the Constitution of India, prayer has been made for issuance of direction to respondents No.2 to 4 to protect the life and liberty of the petitioners which is in danger at the behest of respondents No.5 to 14.

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 petitioner No.1, petitioners have moved a representation dated 26.12.2020 (Annexure P-4) to respondents No.2 to 4-Superintendent of Police, Fatehabad, Station House Officer, Police Station Tohana, District Fatehabad and Station House Officer, Police Station Bhunna, District Fatehabad.

Notice of motion to respondents No.1 to 4 only at this stage.

At the asking of the Court, Mr. Vishal Malik, DAG, Haryana accepts notice on behalf of respondents No.1 to 4. He submits that respondent No.11 Surat Singh, who is maternal uncle of petitioner No.1, got registered FIR No.352 dated 21.12.2020, under Section 364 IPC, against petitioner No.2 at Police Station Sadar, Tohana.

Be that as it may, the present petition is disposed of with a direction to respondent No.2-Superintendent of Police, Fatehabad that the contents of the representation dated 26.12.2020 (Annexure P-4) 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.

29.12.2020

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(ASHOK KUMAR VERMA)**JUDGE**

Whether speaking/reasoned

Yes/No

Whether Reportable

Yes/No