

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

CRWP No.159 of 2021

Date of Decision: 08.01.2021

KANTA RANI AND ANOTHER

.....Petitioners

V/s.

STATE OF PUNJAB AND OTHERS

.....Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE MANJARI NEHRU KAUL.

Present: Mr. Amaninder Singh Sekhon, 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 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 – Kanta Rani, aged 22 years and petitioner No.2 – Sandeep Kumar, aged 23 years and have solemnized their marriage on 26.08.2020. However, subsequent to their marriage they are being continuously threatened with dire consequences by respondents No.4 and 5 who are the parents of petitioner No.1. 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. Sandeep Kumar, 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, Fazilka, Punjab to look into the representation dated 04.01.2021 (Annexure P-5) 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.

January 8, 2021

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**[MANJARI NEHRU KAUL]
JUDGE**

Whether speaking / reasoned : *Yes / No*

Whether Reportable : *Yes / No*