

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

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**CRWP-985-2021 (O&M)
Decided on : 18.02.2021**

Nandini Singhanina and another

... Petitioner(s)

Versus

State of U.T. Chandigarh and others

... Respondent(s)

CORAM: HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE MANJARI NEHRU KAUL

(Through Video Conferencing)

PRESENT: Mr. Mohit Malik, Advocate
for the petitioner(s).

MANJARI NEHRU KAUL, J. (Oral)

Prayer in the instant petition filed under Article 226 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.

2. Learned counsel for the petitioners submits that Petitioner No.1 – Nandini Singhanina, aged 20 years and petitioner No.2 – Yogesh, aged 23 years, have got married on 22nd January, 2021, against the wishes of their family members, arrayed as respondents No.4 to 9. 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.

3. Notice of motion.

4. On the asking of the Court, Mr. Shashank Bhandari, APP, UT Chandigarh, who is appearing through video conferencing, accepts notice on behalf of respondents No.1 to 3. Mr. J.S. Dadwal, Advocate, who is also appearing through video conferencing, accepts notice on behalf of the

private respondents.

5. In view of the above, the present petition is disposed of with a direction to respondent No.2 – Sr. Superintendent of Police, Chandigarh, to look into the representation dated 22nd January, 2021 (Annexure P-5) *qua* threat perception, if any, 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.

(MANJARI NEHRU KAUL)
JUDGE

February 18, 2021

J.Ram

Whether speaking/reasoned: *Yes/No*
Whether Reportable: *Yes/No*