

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

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**CRWP-1086-2021
Date of decision: 04.02.2021**

Seema Devi and another

.....Petitioners

Versus

State of Punjab and others

.....Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ARUN KUMAR TYAGI

Present : Petitioners in person.

ARUN KUMAR TYAGI, J (ORAL)

(The case has been taken up for hearing through video conferencing.)

The petitioners, claiming themselves to be aged about 19 and 21 years respectively, have approached this Court seeking protection of their life and liberty on the averments that the petitioners, being major, performed marriage on 29.01.2021 at Radha Krishan Mandir, Malikpur, District Pathankot as per Hindu rites and ceremonies against the wishes of respondents No.4 to 6 and the petitioners are apprehending threat to their life and liberty at their instance.

In view of nature of relief sought, issuance of notice to the respondents is considered to be unnecessary.

The petitioners, who are present through WhatsApp video call, have on being questioned by the Court admitted having solemnized marriage and reiterated their prayer for protection as mentioned in the petition.

Without examining the question of legality and validity of the marriage and expressing any opinion thereon, the petition is

disposed of with the directions to respondent No.2-Senior Superintendent of Police, Pathankot to look into the grievances of the petitioners as set out in the petition and also expressed in the representation dated 02.02.2021 (Annexure P-4) and take appropriate action for protection of their life and liberty as may be warranted by the circumstances.

However, it is clarified that in case any criminal case has been/is registered against petitioner No.2, then nothing in this order shall be construed as a bar for taking of appropriate action by the police authorities against him in respect thereof in accordance with law.

Registry is directed to send a copy of this order along with copy of the petition and above-said representation to respondent No.2-Senior Superintendent of Police, Pathankot for requisite compliance.

04.02.2021

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(ARUN KUMAR TYAGI)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned	:	Yes/No
Whether reportable	:	Yes/No