

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

(Through video conferencing)

**CRWP-1065-2021
Date of Decision:- 12.02.2021**

MUSKAN KUMARI AND ANR

... Petitioners

Versus

STATE OF PUNJAB AND ORS

... Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE MANJARI NEHRU KAUL

Present: Mr. Sarvesh Kumar Gupta, Advocate
for the petitioners.

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 the official respondents 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–Muskan Kumari, aged 18 years and petitioner No.2–Shyam Sunder, aged 21 years and have solemnized marriage on 01.02.2021, against the wishes of their family members, arrayed as private respondents. 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.

Notice of motion.

On the asking of the Court Ms. Monika Jalota, Deputy Advocate General, Punjab, who has appeared 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–Commissioner of Police, Ludhiana to look into the representation dated 01.02.2021 (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.

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(MANJARI NEHRU KAUL)
JUDGE

Whether speaking /reasoned Yes

Whether Reportable No