

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT CHANDIGARH

Criminal Writ Petition No.1831 of 2021
Date of Decision: 23.02.2021

Anjali and another

... Petitioners

Versus

State of Haryana and others

... Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE MANJARI NEHRU KAUL

(Through Video Conferencing)

Present: Mr. Virender Soni, Advocate,
for the petitioners.

MANJARI NEHRU KAUL, J.

1. Prayer in the instant petition filed under Article 226/227 of the Constitution of India, is for issuance of directions to official respondents, 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 – Anjali, aged 20 years and petitioner No.2 – Aakash, aged 26 years, have got married on February 19, 2021, against the wishes of their family members, arrayed as respondents No.4 to 6. 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, Ms. Tanushree Gupta, DAG, Haryana, who is appearing through video conferencing, accepts notice on behalf of respondents No.1 to 3.

5. In view of the above, the present petition is disposed of with a direction to respondent No.2 – Superintendent of Police, Panipat, to look into

the representation dated February 22, 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.

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(MANJARI NEHRU KAUL)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned	Yes/No
<i>Whether reportable</i>	<i>Yes/No</i>