

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

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CRWP No.1936 of 2021(O&M)

Date of Decision: 25.02.2021

Ankita Kumari and another

....Petitioners

Versus

State of Punjab and others

....Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE LALIT BATRA

Present: Mr. Harish Kumar Bhatti, Advocate for petitioners.

Lalit Batra, J.(Oral)

Petitioners have sought protection of their life *and* liberty, *inter alia*, taking the plea that they performed the marriage with each other, whereas private respondents are not accepting their marriage and now they are apprehending danger to their life and liberty from private respondents. Learned counsel for the petitioners contended that the petitioners performed marriage on 22.02.2021.

Notice of motion to respondents No.1 to 3 only.

At the asking of Court, Mr. Mehardeep Singh, Additional Advocate General, Punjab, accepts notice on behalf of respondents No.1 to 3. Complete copy of paper book has been supplied to him.

Having considered the submissions made by learned counsel for the petitioners and perusal of record, respondent No.2 – Senior Superintendent of Police Ludhiana, District Ludhiana, is directed to consider the representation dated 22.02.2021 (Annexure P/4) and issue necessary orders, as warranted by law, so as to ensure that no harm is caused to the life and liberty of the petitioners at the hands of private respondents.

However, it is also made clear that this order shall not be taken to validate the alleged marriage of the petitioners or entitle them for any protection against their arrest or continuance of any criminal proceedings, if they are found involved in the commission of any cognizable offence. In case, the petitioners had committed any offence, the law will take its own course.

With the above said observations made and directions issued, the present petition stands disposed of.

(LALIT BATRA)
JUDGE

25.02.2021

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Whether speaking/ reasoned : Yes/No

Whether Reportable : Yes/No