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

CRWP No.2543 of 2021

Date of Decision: 16.03.2021

Sunil and another

...Petitioners

Versus

State of Punjab and others

....Respondents

(Proceedings through Video Conferencing)

CORAM :- HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE MANJARI NEHRU KAUL

Present:- Mr. Manjinder Singh Saini, 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 respondents No.2 and 3 to protect the life and liberty of the petitioners, who have married against the wishes of private respondents i.e. respondents No.4 and 5.

2. Learned counsel for the petitioners submits that petitioner No.1 – Sunil, aged 24 years and petitioner No.2 – Sunita, aged 36 years, have got married against the wishes of their family members, arrayed as respondents No.4 and 5. He submits that petitioner No.2 is a widow. It has further been submitted that the private respondents are threatening to interfere in the marital life of the petitioners. Hence, they have approached respondent No.2 by filing representation dated 08.03.2021 (Annexure P-8) seeking protection in that regard and have also approached this Court by way of filing the instant petition.

3. Notice of motion.

4. On the asking of Court, Mr. Luvinder Sofat, A.A.G., Punjab, who has joined the proceedings through video conferencing, accepts notice on behalf of respondents No.1 to 3.

5. In view of the above, the petition is disposed off with a direction to respondent No.2-The Senior Superintendent of Police, Kapurthala to look into the representation dated 08.03.2021 (Annexure P-8) 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.

(MANJARI NEHRU KAUL)
JUDGE

March 16, 2021
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Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes/No
Whether reportable : Yes/No