

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

CRWP-2617-2021

Date of Decision: 17.03.2021

Reena Yadav & another

...Petitioners

Versus

State of Punjab & others

...Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE GURVINDER SINGH GILL

Present: Mr. S.S.Kainth, Advocate, for the petitioners.

(proceedings conducted through video conferencing)

GURVINDER SINGH GILL, J. (Oral)

The petitioners, who claimed to be divorcees, have approached this Court, as they apprehend threat to their lives and liberty having married each other, which is not to the liking of the private respondents.

Upon a query made by this Court to the petitioners' counsel as to whether both the petitioners have dissolved their previous marriages by a decree of divorce from a Court of law, the learned counsel replied that as per his instructions, the petitioners had divorced their previous spouses by way of a '*Panchayati Divorce*' only.

Having heard learned counsel for the petitioners and without commenting upon the alleged relationship of the parties, the petition is disposed of with a direction to respondent No.-2 i.e. the Commissioner of Police, Ludhiana to look into the matter and to dispose of the representation dated 10.03.2021 (Annexure P-6) in accordance with law.

In case, it is found that there is a genuine threat to the lives and liberty of

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the petitioners, then necessary steps warranted under law be taken thereupon at the earliest so as to ensure that no harm is caused to the petitioners.

A copy of this order alongwith copy of the representation dated 10.03.2021 be sent to the Commissioner of Police, Ludhiana (respondent No.2), so as to enable him to do the needful expeditiously.

It is, however, clarified that the aforesaid order shall not be taken to be any expression as regards the validity of marriage of the petitioners and shall not confer any immunity upon the petitioners, in case it is found that they have committed any wrong.

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(GURVINDER SINGH GILL)
JUDGE

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