

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

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**CRWP-2965-2021(O&M)
Decided on : 25.03.2021**

POOJA KUMARI AND ANR

. . . Petitioner(s)

Versus

STATE OF PUNJAB AND OTHERS

. . . Respondent(s)

**CORAM: HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE MANJARI NEHRU KAUL
(Through Video Conferencing)**

Present: Mr. Kiranpal Rana, 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 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 petitioner No.1 -Pooja Kumari aged about 24 years and petitioner No.2-Sandeep Kumar aged about 21 years have got married on 22.03.2021, against the wishes of their family members, arrayed as respondents No.4 to 6. He submits that it is the first marriage of both the petitioners. 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 Mr. Randhir Singh Thind, DAG Punjab accepts notice on behalf of the official respondents.

In view of the above, the petition is disposed off with a

direction to respondent No.2—Senior Superintendent of Police, Barnala, to look into the representation dated 22.03.2021 (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.

(MANJARI NEHRU KAUL)
JUDGE

March 25, 2021

S.Sharma(syr)

Whether speaking/reasoned: *Yes/No*

Whether Reportable: *Yes/No*