

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

**CRWP No.3048 OF 2021
DECIDED ON: 8th APRIL, 2021**

PRIYANKA AND ANOTHER

.....PETITIONERS

VERSUS

STATE OF HARYANA AND OTHERS

.....RESPONDENTS

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE AVNEESH JHINGAN.

Present: Mr. J.P. Sharma, Advocate
for the petitioners.

Mr. Deepak Bhardwaj, D.A.G., Haryana.

AVNEESH JHINGAN, J (ORAL)

The matter is taken up for hearing through video conference due to COVID-19 situation.

This petition was filed for issuance of directions to the official respondents for protection of life and liberty of the petitioners from the private respondents arrayed in the petition.

As per the pleadings, the petitioners had performed marriage against the wishes of their parents and there was a threat perception.

On 26th March, 2021, the following order was passed :-

“ The matter is taken up for hearing through video conference due to COVID-19 situation.

Notice of motion to respondents No.1 to 5 only.

Ms. Dimple Jain, AAG, Haryana, appearing on advance notice accepts the same and seeks time to have instructions.

Put up on 8.4.2021.

In the meantime, the police officials not below the rank of Deputy Superintendent of Police should record the statements of the petitioners.

In case a request is made by the petitioners, they may be provided shelter in safe house till the next date.”

Reply on behalf of respondents No.1 to 5 annexing the statements of the petitioners has been filed and the same is taken on record.

Learned counsel for the State submits that on request received from the petitioners, they have been kept in the safe house. The petitioners are apprehensive about their safety. The representation dated 20.03.2021 (Annexure P-8) is being actively considered. The necessary action as warranted under law would be taken.

In view of the statement made by learned counsel for the respondents-State, no further directions are called for.

The petition is disposed of.

8th APRIL, 2021

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**(AVNEESH JHINGAN)
JUDGE**

Whether speaking/reasoned *Yes/No*

Whether reportable *Yes/No*