

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

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**CRWP-3399-2021(O&M)
Decided on : 08.04.2021**

RANI & ANOTHER

. . . Petitioner(s)

Versus

STATE OF CHANDIGARH U.T. AND OTHERS

. . . Respondent(s)

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

Present: Mr. Veenus Malik, 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 -Rani aged about 26 years and petitioner No.2-Ranjeet aged about 25 years have got married on 01.04.2021, against the wishes of their family members, arrayed as respondent Nos.4 & 5. 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.

Learned counsel for the petitioners has submitted that they have sent a representation dated 02.04.2021 (Annexure P-7) in this regard to respondent No.2- Superintendent of Police, Chandigarh but no action has

been taken by the official respondents.

On a pointed query put to the learned counsel for the petitioners as to through which mode the said representation was sent to the concerned authorities, he has apprised this Court that it was sent through courier. In support of his submissions, learned counsel has sent through Whatsapp, receipts of the courier service through which the representation was made to the authorities concerned. The same is taken on record, subject to all just exceptions, Registry is directed to tag the same at the appropriate place.

Notice of motion.

On the asking of the Court Mr. Viranjeet Singh Mahal, AAP UT Chandigarh, who is appearing through video conferencing, accepts notice on behalf of the official respondents.

In view of the above, the petition is disposed of with a direction to respondent No.2– Superintendent of Police, Chandigarh, to look into the representation dated 02.04.2021 (Annexure P-7) 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

April 08, 2021

S.Sharma(syr)

Whether speaking/reasoned: Yes/No
Whether Reportable: Yes/No