

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

(THROUGH VIDEO CONFRENCING)

CRWP No. 3387 of 2021

Date of Decision: 08.04.2021

AARTI AND ANOTHER

.....Petitioners

V/s.

STATE OF PUNJAB AND OTHERS

.....Respondents

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

Present: Mr. Gurminder Singh Salana, 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 the official respondents 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 both the petitioners are major, petitioner No.1–Aarti, aged 21 years and petitioner No.2–Sital Kumar @ Sheetal Kumar, aged 21 years and have got married on 05.04.2021, against the wishes of their family members, arrayed as private respondents. 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 the petitioner has also sent a representation dated 05.04.2021 (Annexure P-5) in this regard to respondent No.2-Senior Superintendent of Police, Fatehgarh Sahib, Punjab.

On a pointed query put to the learned counsel for the petitioners as to the mode through which the said representation was sent to the concerned authorities, he has apprised this Court that it was sent through courier and in support of his submissions he has placed on record the courier receipt through whatsapp message on the group created for the video conferencing. The same is take on record subject to all just exceptions and the Registry is directed to tag the same at the appropriate place.

Notice of motion.

On the asking of the Court, Mr. Sidakmeet Singh Sandhu, AAG, Punjab, accepts notice on behalf of the official respondents.

In view of the above, the present petition is disposed off with a direction to respondent No.2 – Senior Superintendent of Police, District Fatehgarh Sahib, Punjab to look into the representation dated 05.04.2021 (Annexure P-5) *qua* threat perception, if any, 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 petitioners and will have no effect on any civil or criminal action, which could be initiated in the matter in accordance with law.

April 8, 2021

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**[MANJARI NEHRU KAUL]
JUDGE**

<i>Whether speaking / reasoned</i>	:	<i>Yes</i>	/	<i>No</i>
<i>Whether Reportable</i>	:	<i>Yes</i>	/	<i>No</i>