

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

**CRWP No. 3451 of 2021**

**Date of Decision: 09.04.2021**

***ABHINASH RANI AND ANOTHER***

*.....Petitioners*

**V/s.**

***STATE OF PUNJAB AND OTHERS***

*.....Respondents*

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

Present: Mr. Sandeep Kumar, Advocate,  
for the petitioners.

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**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–Abhinash Rani, aged 31 years and petitioner No.2–Dharambir, aged 30 years and have got married on 18.03.2021, 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 petitioners have also sent a representation dated 05.04.2021 (Annexure P-5) to respondent No.2-Senior Superintendent of Police, Hoshiarpur in this

regard. He has also annexed the courier receipt through which the said representation has been sent.

Notice of motion.

On the asking of the Court, Mr. Luvinder Sofat, 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, Hoshiarpur, 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 9, 2021**

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**[ MANJARI NEHRU KAUL ]  
JUDGE**

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