

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

**CRWP No.4145 of 2021
Date of decision:11.05.2021**

Renu and another

... Petitioners

Vs.

State of Haryana and others

... Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SUVIR SEHGAL

Present:- Ms. Veenus Malik, Advocate
for the petitioners.

SUVIR SEHGAL, J. (Oral)

The Court has been convened through video conferencing due to Covid-19 pandemic.

Renu and Vikas, the petitioners before this Court, claim themselves to be of marriageable age. They have pleaded that they have married against the wishes of respondent No.4 and seek protection of their life and liberty. They apprehend danger from respondent No.4. They have placed on record photographs and marriage certificate, Annexures P-3 and P-4, respectively evidencing their marriage. The petitioners have submitted a representation, Annexure P-5 to Senior Superintendent of Police, Panchkula.

Petitioner No.1 is already married to respondent No.4 and claims to have divorced her husband through Panchayat. The legality and validity of such divorce is doubtful. In view of the above, the present

petition is liable to be rejected.

The Co-ordinate Bench of this Court, vide order dated 14.05.2019 passed in CRM-M-21763-2019, *Dimple and another Versus State of Haryana and others*, in similar situation, had directed that in case the petitioners fear any threat to their life and liberty they may approach the Senior Superintendent of Police, who will consider their request.

Accordingly, it is directed that if the petitioners approach the police authorities, they shall independently assess the threat perception, if any to their life and liberty and may provide the required protection.

However, it is also made clear that this order shall not be taken to validate the alleged relationship of the petitioners or entitle them for any protection against their arrest or continuance of any criminal proceedings, if they are found involved in the commission of any cognizable offence. In case, the petitioners have committed any offence, the law will take its own course.

With the abovesaid observations and directions, the present petition stands disposed of.

(SUVIR SEHGAL)

JUDGE

May 11, 2021

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Whether Speaking/Reasoned	Yes/No
Whether Reportable	Yes/No