

**IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH
(through video conferencing)**

CRWP-5491-2021
Decided on : 17.06.2021

Monu Devi & anr.

..... Petitioners

Versus

State of Punjab & ors.

..... Respondents

CORAM : HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE MANJARI NEHRU KAUL

Present : Mr. Kuldip Singh, Advocate
for the petitioners.

Manjari Nehru Kaul, J.

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 protect the life and liberty of the petitioners, who have married against the wishes of private respondents i.e. respondents No.4 to 10.

2. Learned counsel for the petitioners submits that petitioner No.1 – Monu Devi, aged 19 years and petitioner No.2 – Surjeet Singh, aged 24 years, have got married against the wishes of their family members, arrayed as respondents No.4 to 10. It has further been submitted that the private respondents are threatening to interfere in the marital life of the petitioners. Learned counsel for the petitioners submits that despite representation dated 12.06.2021 (Annexure P-5) seeking protection having been made to respondent No.2, which is supported by the courier receipt dated 12.06.2021, the authorities concerned have not come to their rescue. Hence, they have approached this Court by way of filing the instant petition.

3. Notice of motion.

4. On the asking of Court, Mr. Luvinder Sofat, AAG, Punjab, who is present in Court, accepts notice on behalf of respondents No.1 to 3.

5. In view of the above, the petition is disposed off with a direction to respondent No.2-Sr. Superintendent of Police, Fazilka to look into the representation dated 12.06.2021 (Annexure P-5) 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.

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(MANJARI NEHRU KAUL)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned:
Whether reportable :

Yes/No
Yes/No