

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

CRWP-11788-2021

DECIDED ON: 15th DECEMBER, 2021

RUPINDER KAUR AND ANOTHER

.....PETITIONERS

VERSUS

STATE OF PUNJAB & OTHERS

.....RESPONDENTS

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SANDEEP MOUDGIL.

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

SANDEEP MOUDGIL, J (ORAL)

Due to COVID-19 situation, the matter is taken up for hearing through Video Conferencing.

Petitioners have sought protection of their life *and* liberty, *inter alia*, taking the plea that they performed the marriage with each other, whereas private respondents are not accepting their marriage and now they are apprehending danger to their life and liberty from private respondents.

Learned counsel for the petitioners contended that the petitioners performed marriage on 13th December, 2021.

Notice of motion to official respondents only at this stage.

At the asking of Court, Mr. Ramdeep Partap Singh, Deputy Advocate General, Punjab, accepts notice on behalf of respondents No.1 to 3, complete copy of paper book stands supplied to learned State counsel.

Having considered the submissions made by learned counsel for the petitioners and perusal of record, respondent No.2 – Senior

Superintendent of Police, Khanna, District Ludhiana, is directed to consider the representation dated 13th December, 2021 (Annexure P-5) and issue necessary orders, as warranted by law, so as to ensure that no harm is caused to the life and liberty of the petitioners at the hands of private respondents.

However, it is also made clear that this order shall not be taken to validate the alleged marriage 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 had committed any offence, the law will take its own course.

With the above said observations made and directions issued, the present petition stands disposed of.

15th DECEMBER, 2021
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(SANDEEP MOUDGIL)
JUDGE

<i>Whether speaking/reasoned</i>	<i>Yes/No</i>
<i>Whether reportable</i>	<i>Yes/No</i>