

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

CRWP-223-2022

DECIDED ON: 11th JANUARY, 2022

SEEMA DEVI AND ANOTHER

.....PETITIONERS

VERSUS

STATE OF PUNJAB AND OTHERS

.....RESPONDENTS

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SANDEEP MOUDGIL.

Present: Mr. Gaurav Rana, 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.

Notice of motion to official respondents only at this stage.

At the asking of Court, Mr. Sandeep Kumar, DAG, Punjab appearing on advance notice, accepts notice on behalf of respondents No.1 to 3.

Learned counsel for the petitioners undertakes to supply the complete copy of paper book to learned State counsel through electronic medium during the course of day.

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

Superintendent of Police, Hoshiarpur is directed to consider the representation dated 6th January, 2022 (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.

11th JANUARY, 2022
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(SANDEEP MOUDGIL)
JUDGE

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