

117 IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

CRWP-2994-2022

DECIDED ON: 1st APRIL, 2022

ANCHAL RANA AND ANOTHER

.....PETITIONERS

VERSUS

STATE OF PUNJAB AND OTHERS

.....RESPONDENTS

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SANDEEP MOUDGIL.

Present: Mr. Arun Gupta, Advocate
for the petitioners.

SANDEEP MOUDGIL, J (ORAL)

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. Amardeep Singh Gill, Sr. 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 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 30th March, 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.

1st APRIL, 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>