

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

CRWP-11639-2023 (O&M)

Date of decision: 02.12.2023

LACHHMI DEVI AND ANR

....Petitioners

Versus

STATE OF PUNJAB AND OTHERS

...Respondents

CORAM:- HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SANJIV BERRY

Present: - Mr. Rampal Kaushik, Advocate for the petitioners.

SANJIV BERRY, J. (ORAL)

CRM-W-1738-2023

The instant application has been filed for grant of leave under Rule 3/A(I) of Chapter VI, Part b, Vol V for exemption for filing.

2. Keeping in view the averments made in the application, the same is allowed.

3. CRM stands disposed of.

MAIN CASE

This is a petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India for directions to respondents No.1 to 3 to protect the life and liberty of the petitioners at the hands of private respondents No.4 to 6.

2. Learned counsel for the petitioners submits that the petitioners, both major, have solemnized their marriage on 28.11.2023 according to Hindu rites and ceremonies. He also refers to the marriage certificate (Annexure P-3). He also referred to the Aadhar Cards (Annexure P-1 and Annexure P-2) and photographs (Annexure P-5) of the petitioners to show that the petitioners are major.

3. Learned counsel for the petitioners further submits that the private respondents No.4 to 6 are not accepting the marriage of the petitioners and they apprehend danger to their life and liberty from the private respondents and in this regard they have already moved a representation dated 28.11.2023 (Annexure P-5) before respondent No.2- The Commissioner of Police, Patiala, District Patiala.
4. Notice of motion.
5. On the asking of the Court, Mr. Anmol Singh Sandhu, AAG, Punjab, present in Court, accepts notice on behalf of the State-respondents.
6. Without commenting on the validity of the marriage of the parties, the petition is disposed of with the direction to respondent No.2- The Commissioner of Police, Patiala, District Patiala, to consider the representation (Annexure P-5) keeping in view the facts and circumstances of the case and if so warranted, take action, to ensure protection to the life and liberty of the petitioners, strictly in accordance with law.
7. This order is not to be construed as any opinion with regard to the age of the petitioners or factum or validity of their marriage in any civil or criminal proceedings nor the petitioners would be entitled for any protection against their arrest or continuance of any criminal proceedings, if otherwise, found to be involved in commission of any cognizable offence(s).

(SANJIV BERRY)
JUDGE

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| i) | Whether speaking/reasoned? | Yes/No |
| ii) | Whether reportable? | Yes/No |