

2023:PHHC:101344

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

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CRWP-7774-2023

Date of decision : 07.08.2023

Shivani Devi and another

... Petitioners

Versus

State of Punjab and others

.. Respondents

CORAM :HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL

Present:- Mr. M. S. Rana, Advocate for the petitioners.

Mr. Luvinder Sofat, DAG, Punjab.

Anupinder Singh Grewal, J. (Oral)

The petitioners are seeking a direction to the official respondents to protect their life and liberty as they apprehend danger from private respondents.

2. Learned counsel for the petitioners submits that the petitioners, who are major, have performed their marriage, which is against the wishes of private respondents and they have apprehension that the private respondents might cause physical harm to them.

3. Learned counsel for the petitioners has drawn my attention to the representation dated 04.08.2023 (Annexure P-5) sent by the petitioners to respondent No. 2 –Senior Superintendent of Police, Pathankot.

4. Issue notice to respondents No.1 to 3 only. At the asking of the Court, Mr. Luvinder Sofat, DAG, Punjab, accepts notice on behalf of respondents No.1 to 3.

5. Heard. Keeping in view the mandate of the Supreme Court in the case of “**Lata Singh Vs. State of U.P. and another**”, JT 2006 (6) SC 173, the present petition is disposed of with a direction to respondent No. 2–Senior Superintendent of Police, Pathankot, to look into the matter and take appropriate action in accordance with law to ensure that no harm is caused to the life and liberty of the petitioners at the hands of private respondents.

6. However, it is clarified that this order shall not be treated as a stamp of this Court about the marriage of the parties and no opinion with regard to the validity of the marriage has been expressed in this order. It shall also not protect the petitioners from any legal proceedings instituted against them in accordance with law.

(ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL)
JUDGE

August 07, 2023
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Whether speaking/reasoned	:	Yes/No
Whether Reportable	:	Yes/No