

HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE FOR RAJASTHAN
BENCH AT JAIPUR

S.B. Criminal Writ Petition No. 703/2026

1. Smt. Archana Meena Daughter Of Shri Suresh Chand Meena, Wife Of Shri Kunji Lal Meena, Aged About 26 Years, Resident Of Village And Post Bilona Kalan, Tehsil Lalsot, District Dausa (Raj.), At Present Resident Of Mandrawata Ki Dhani, Tehsil Lalsot, District Dausa (Raj.)
2. Kunji Lal Meena Son Of Shri Kaluram Meena, Aged About 27 Years, Resident Of Mandrawata Ki Dhani, Post Lalsot, Tehsil Nirjharna, District Dausa (Raj.)

-----Petitioners

Versus

1. State Of Rajasthan, Through Public Prosecutor.
2. The Director General Of Police, Police Head Quarter, Lal Kothi, Jaipur (Raj.)
3. Superintendent Of Police, Dausa, District Dausa (Raj.)
4. S.H.O. Police Station Mandawari, District Dausa (Raj.)
5. Suresh Chand Meena Son Of Kaluram Meena, Resident Of Village And Post Bilona Kalan, Tehsil Lalsot, District Dausa (Raj.)
6. Aerinta Devi Wife Of Shri Suresh Chand Meena, Resident Of Village And Post Bilona Kalan, Tehsil Lalsot, District Dausa (Raj.)
7. Ashish Son Of Shri Jagram Meena, Resident Of Village And Post Bilona Kalan, Tehsil Lalsot, District Dausa (Raj.)
8. Anuj Son Of Shri Bharat Lal, Resident Of Village And Post Bilona Kalan, Tehsil Lalsot, District Dausa (Raj.)
9. Surendra Son Of Shri Ramkesh, Resident Of Meena Thikri, Post Barnala, Tehsil Barnala, District Sawai Madhopur (Raj.)

-----Respondents

For Petitioner(s)	:	Mr. Rajendra Singh Ms. Jyotsana
For Respondent(s)	:	Mr. Manvendra Singh Shekhawat, P.P. with Mr. Shubham Saini

HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ANUROOP SINGHI**Order****08/05/2026**

- 1.** The defects as pointed out by the Registry are over-ruled.
- 2.** Both the petitioners who are present in-person before this Court are major and in support of their date of birth, copies of Class X Marksheet and Aadhaar card of both the petitioners are available on record as Annexure No.1 (colly.) and Annexure No.2(colly.).
- 3.** Petitioners have also been duly identified by their counsel.
- 4.** By virtue of the present criminal writ petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India, the petitioners have sought protection of their life and personal liberty from private respondent Nos.5 to 9, as they are apprehending danger to their life and liberty from the said private respondents.
- 5.** Learned counsel for petitioners submits that the petitioners have solemnized their marriage on 26.04.2026 and the same has been duly registered at SRO Office – Sadar Third, District Ghaziabad, Uttar Pradesh (Annexure-4), but the private respondents and others are not happy with their marriage and the petitioners are receiving continuous threats.
- 6.** Learned counsel for the petitioners submits that both the petitioners are major and are mature enough to take independent decision of their life.
- 7.** Learned counsel for the petitioners further submits that once the petitioners have willingly and with utmost responsibility have chosen to solemnize their marriage, the private respondents have

no right to harass, much less threaten the petitioners and take law in their hands and given the fact that the life and liberty of the petitioners is in danger, police protection deserves to be granted to the petitioners and hence, protection is being sought.

8. Learned Public Prosecutor submits that appropriate directions be issued.

9. As the order intended to be passed herein is non-prejudicial to the private respondents, no notices are required to be issued to them.

10. It is a well settled legal position as expounded by the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India in ***Lata Singh Vs. State of UP*** reported in ***(2006) 5 SCC 475***, ***Shakti Vahini Vs. Union of India*** reported in ***(2018) 7 SCC 1992*** and ***Shafin Jahan vs. Asokan KM & Ors.*** reported in ***(2018) 16 SCC 368***, that the right of two consenting adults to marry a person of their choice is a fundamental right under Articles 19 and 21 of the Constitution of India. It has been consistently held that the autonomy of individuals in matters of marriage and personal relations cannot be curtailed by societal or familial considerations, and once two major individuals have taken a conscious decision to enter into a matrimonial alliance, the same cannot be interfered with on the basis of perceived notions of morality or social acceptability. Thus, the life and personal liberty of such individuals is required to be protected, except in accordance with the procedure established by law, as mandated under Article 21 of the Constitution of India.

11. In view of the above legal position and factual averments, after perusing record and considering the submissions made, as the petitioners apprehend threat to their life and liberty, this Court is

of the considered view that the petitioners have every right to seek protection of their life, limb and liberty.

12. Accordingly, this Court is inclined to dispose of the present criminal writ petition with the directions to the petitioners to file an appropriate application seeking protection before respondent No.4 – Station House Officer, Police Station Mandawari, District Dausa (Rajasthan), who is directed to duly consider grievance of the petitioners and after analyzing the threat perceptions, will take all possible preventive measures and other steps as required to ensure safety and security of the petitioners and that no harm is caused to them.

13. With the said directions, the present criminal writ petition and pending application(s), if any, stands disposed of.

14. However, as a precautionary note, it is clarified that this order shall not affect any civil and/or criminal proceedings, if any, and the same shall proceed in accordance with law.

(ANUROOP SINGHI),J