

HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE FOR RAJASTHAN
BENCH AT JAIPUR

S.B. Criminal Writ Petition No. 692/2026

1. Neelam Meena D/o Sh. Rajendra Prasad Meena W/o Sh. Ankit Meena, Aged About 18 Years, R/o Village Gambheera, District Sawai Madhopur At Present R/o Bharja Nadi, District Sawai Madhopur (Raj.)
2. Ankit Meena S/o Sh. Banwari Lal Meena, Aged About 22 Years, R/o Bharja Nadi, District Sawai Madhopur (Raj.)

----Petitioners

Versus

1. The State Of Rajasthan, Through Public Prosecutor.
2. The Director General Of Police, Police Head Quarter, Lal Kothi, Jaipur (Raj.)
3. The Nodal Officer, Special Investigation Unit Crime Against Women Cell, Sawai Madhopur District Sawai Madhopur (Raj.)
4. The Superintendent Of Police, Sawai Madhopur District Sawai Madhopur (Raj.)
5. The Station House Officer Police Station, Malarna Doongar, District Sawai Madhopur (Raj.)
6. Rajendra Prasad Meena S/o Sh. Jamuna Prasad Meena, R/o Village Gambheera, District Sawai Madhopur.
7. Dilraj Meena S/o Sh. Jamuna Prasad Meena, R/o Village Gambheera, District Sawai Madhopur.
8. Dinesh Kumar Meena S/o Sh. Pappu Lal Meena, R/o Village Gambheera, District Sawai Madhopur.
9. Jaldhari Meena S/o Sh. Pappu Lal Meena, R/o Village Gambheera, District Sawai Madhopur.
10. Akash Meena S/o Sh. Pyare Lal Meena, R/o Village Sureli District Bundi

----Respondents

For Petitioner(s)	:	Mr. Manvendra Singh Choudhary
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/or Aadhaar card have been filed as Annexure No.1 (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.6 to 10, 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 17.04.2026 at Arya Samaj Sansthan, 201-202, Second Floor, Apex Tower, Lal Kothi, Tonk Road, Jaipur. Learned counsel for the petitioners during the course of arguments has also handed over a copy of the marriage certificate issued by Marriage Registration Officer, Nagar Nigam Jaipur, Jaipur, Rajasthan, which is taken on the record.

Learned counsel further submits that 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.5 – the Station House Officer (SHO), Police Station, Malarna Doongar, District Sawai Madhopur (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 the observations made by this Court in the present order are confined solely for the purpose of disposal of the instant criminal writ petition and shall neither prejudice nor affect any civil or criminal proceedings initiated or pending against the petitioners.

(ANUROOP SINGHI),J