

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

CRWP-4075-2020

Date of decision: 23.06.2020

Poonam Sidhu and another

...Petitioners

Versus

State of Punjab and others

.....Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARNARESH SINGH GILL

Present:- Mr. Ranjit Singh Sidhu, Advocate for the petitioners.

HARNARESH SINGH GILL, J. (ORAL)

Case is taken up for hearing through video conferencing.

This petition has been filed under Articles 226/227 of the Constitution of India read with Section 482 Cr.P.C. for issuance of a writ in the nature of mandamus for directing respondents No. 2 and 3 to protect the life and liberty of the petitioners from the hands of respondents No. 4 to 6, other relatives and friends.

Learned counsel for the petitioners states that both the petitioners are major and have married against the wishes of respondents No. 4 to 6 and have sought protection to their life and liberty. They apprehend danger from respondents No. 4 to 6, other relatives and friends. The marriage certificate and marriage photographs evidencing their marriage are on record as Annexures P-5 and P-6, respectively. The petitioners have submitted a representation dated 19.06.2020, Annexure P-7 to respondent No. 2.

Without entering upon an exercise to evaluate the evidentiary value of the documents placed on the file, I dispose of the petition with

directions to respondent No. 2 to decide the representation of the petitioners, Annexure P-7 and grant them protection, if any threat to their life and liberty is perceived. It is made clear that this order shall not be taken to protect the petitioners from legal action for violation of law if any committed by them.

(HARNARESH SINGH GILL)
JUDGE

23.06.2020
Mangal Singh

Whether reasoned/speaking?	Yes/No
Whether reportable?	Yes/No