

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

CRWP No.4266 of 2020
Date of Decision :30.06.2020

Puja Rani and another		Petitioners
versus		
State of Punjab and others		Respondents

Coram : Hon'ble Mr. Justice B.S. Walia

Present: Mr. Arun Gupta, Advocate for the petitioners.

B.S. Walia, J. (VC)

1. Case is being taken up for hearing through Video Conferencing due to the outbreak of pandemic Covid-19.
2. Prayer in the Criminal Writ Petition under Article 226 of the Constitution of India is for the issuance of a writ in the nature of Mandamus for directing respondent Nos.2 and 3 to protect the life and liberty of the petitioners at the hands of respondent Nos.4 to 9.
3. Learned counsel states that the petitioners have submitted representation Annexure P/4 dated 22.06.2020 to respondent No.2 i.e. Senior Superintendent of Police, Patiala, for redressal of their grievance but no action has been taken in respect thereto till date and that in the circumstances, the petitioners would be satisfied if the writ petition is disposed of by directing respondent No.2 to consider and decide the representation Annexure P/4 dated 22.06.2020, in accordance with law, in a time bound manner.
4. Notice of motion.
5. Mr. Harpreet Singh Multani, AAG, Punjab, accepts notice on

puts in appearance on behalf of respondent Nos.4 to 9. Learned counsel for respondent Nos.4 to 9 states that petitioner No.2 is already married and has not divorced his first wife, therefore, it is not open for petitioner No.2 to marry petitioner No.1 during the subsistence of his former marriage.

6. Heard learned counsel for the parties.

7. Without commenting upon the validity of the marriage of the petitioners or the authenticity of the certificates/documents attached with the writ petition, the writ petition is disposed of by directing respondent No.2 i.e. Senior Superintendent of Police, Patiala, to decide the representation, Annexure P/4 dated 22.06.2020, submitted by the petitioners as expeditiously as possible and to take such action in accordance with law as may be warranted keeping in view the threat perception to the petitioners. However, it is made clear that this order shall not bar any civil or criminal proceedings initiated against the petitioners in accordance with law.

(B.S. Walia)
Judge

30.06.2020

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Whether speaking/reasoned	: Yes/No
Whether reportable	: Yes/No