

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

CRWP-4673-2020 (O&M)

Date of decision: 10.07.2020

Ritika Rani and another

...Petitioners

Versus

State of Punjab and others

.....Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARNARESH SINGH GILL

Present:- Mr. Kanhiya Soni, Advocate for the petitioners.

Mr. Saurav Khurana, DAG Punjab.

HARNARESH SINGH GILL, J. (ORAL)

Case is taken up for hearing through video conferencing.

This petition has been filed under Article 226/227 of the Constitution of India 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 9.

Learned counsel for the petitioners states that both the petitioners are major and have married against the wishes of respondents No. 4 to 9 and have sought protection to their life and liberty. They apprehend danger from respondents No. 4 to 9. The marriage certificate evidencing their marriage is on record as Annexures P-3. The petitioners have submitted a representation dated 06.07.2020, Annexure P-4 to respondent No. 2.

Notice of motion to respondents No. 1 to 3 - State only.

On the asking of this Court, Mr. Saurav Khurana, DAG

Punjab, accepts notice on behalf of the respondent-State and as per his instructions both the petitioners are major.

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-4 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

10.07.2020
Mangal Singh

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