

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

CRWP No. 5642 of 2020
Date of Decision: 07.08.2020

Rooftaj @ Ruktaj and another	Versus	Petitioners
The State of Haryana and others		Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARNARESH SINGH GILL

Present: Mr. Viput Aggarwal, Advocate and
Ms. Sunita Gupta, Advocate
for the petitioners.

HARNARESH SINGH GILL, J. (ORAL)

Case is being taken up for hearing through video conferencing.

The present criminal writ petition has been filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India for issuance of a writ in the nature of mandamus for directing the respondents No. 2 and 3 to protect the life and liberty of the petitioners at the hands of private respondents No. 4 to 6.

Learned counsel for the petitioners states that the petitioners 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. The marriage certificate evidencing their marriage is on record as Annexure P-1.

The petitioners have submitted a representation dated 17.07.2020 (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. Anant Kataria, DAG, Haryana accepts notice on behalf of the respondent-State and as per his instructions, petitioner No. 1 is major and petitioner No. 2 is of 17 years of age.

Learned counsel for the petitioners has also relied upon a judgment of a coordinate bench of this Court in ***CRWP No. 532 of 2018 titled "Moh. Samim Vs. State of Haryana and others"*** passed on 26.09.2018.

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

07.08.2020
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Whether speaking/reasoned	:	Yes/No
Whether reportable	:	Yes/No