

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

CRWP No.7315 of 2020

Date of Decision:17.09.2020

MONIKA RANI AND ANOTHER

...Petitioners

Versus

STATE OF PUNJAB AND OTHERS

..Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARNARESH SINGH GILL

Present: Mr. Sukhdeep Singh, Advocate
for the petitioners.

Mr. Mehardeep Singh Dullat, Addl. A.G., Punjab.

HARNARESH SINGH GILL, J. (ORAL)

Case is taken up for hearing through video conferencing.

This petition has been filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India for issuance of a writ in the nature of mandamus directing respondents No.1 to 3 to protect the life and liberty of the petitioners at 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 at the hands of respondents No.4 to 9. The marriage certificate evidencing their marriage is on record as Annexures P-5.

The petitioners have submitted a representation dated

14.09.2020 Annexure P-6 to respondent No. 2.

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

On the asking of this Court, Mr. Mehardeep Singh Dullat, Addl. A.G., Punjab accepts notice on behalf of the respondents No.1 to 3-State .

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 dated 14.09.2020 of the petitioners, Annexure P-6 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

September 17, 2020

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