

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

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**CRWP-5779-2021 (O&M)
Date of Decision: 24.06.2021**

SONIA DEVI AND ANOTHER

... Petitioners

Versus

STATE OF PUNJAB AND OTHERS

... Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARNARESH SINGH GILL

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

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 directing respondents No.2 and 3 to protect the life and liberty of the petitioners at the hands of respondents No.4 to 7.

Learned counsel for the petitioners states that both the petitioners are major and have married against the wishes of respondents No.4 to 7 and have sought protection to their life and liberty. They apprehend danger at the hands of respondents No.4 to 7. The marriage certificate evidencing their marriage is on record as Annexure P-3. The petitioners have submitted a representation dated 17.06.2021 (Annexure P-4) to respondent No.2-Senior Superintendent of Police, District Gurdaspur.

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

On the asking of this Court, Mr. Avtar Singh Sandhu, Addl.

A.G. Punjab, accepts notice on behalf of 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 present petition with a direction to respondent No.2-Senior Superintendent of Police, District Gurdaspur, to decide the representation dated 17.06.2021 (Annexure P-4) moved by the petitioners, and grant protection to them, 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.

24.06.2021

Aman Jain

(HARNARESH SINGH GILL)

JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned : *Yes/No*

Whether reportable : *Yes/No*