

In the High Court of Punjab and Haryana at Chandigarh

**CRWP No. 8713 of 2021
Date of Decision: 13.9.2021**

Ridhi Atwal and another

.....Petitioners

Versus

State of Punjab and others

.....Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARNARESH SINGH GILL

Present: Mr. H.S.Rakhra, Advocate
for the petitioners.

HARNARESH SINGH GILL, J. (ORAL)

Case is taken up for hearing through vide 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 from the hands of private respondents.

Learned counsel for the petitioners states that both the petitioners are major and have married against the wishes of respondents No. 5 to 10 and have sought protection to their life and liberty. They apprehend danger from respondents No. 5 to 10. Their marriage certificate and photographs evidencing their marriage are on record as Annexure P-3 and Annexure P-4, respectively. The petitioners have submitted a representation dated 9.9.2021, Annexure P-5 to Commissioner of Police, Amritsar-respondent No. 2.

Notice of motion to respondents No. 1 to 4-State only.

On the asking of the Court, Mr. Chaman Lal Pawar, Sr. DAG, Punjab accepts notice on behalf of the 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 Commissioner of Police, Amritsar-respondent No. 2 to decide the representation of the petitioners, dated 9.9.2021 (Annexure P-5) 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 13, 2021
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Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes/No
Whether reportable : Yes/No