

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

**CRWP-8761-2021 (O&M)
Date of decision: 15.09.2021**

Ekta and another

...Petitioners

Versus

State of Punjab and others

...Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARNARESH SINGH GILL

Present:- Mr. Umesh Kumar Kanwar, 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 issuance of a writ in the nature of mandamus 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 photographs and certificate evidencing their marriage are on record as Annexures P-4 and P-5, respectively. The petitioners have submitted a representation

dated 08.09.2021 (Annexure P-6) to respondent No. 2-Commissioner of Police, Jalandhar, District Jalandhar.

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

On the asking of this Court, Mr. H. S. Sitta, AAG Punjab, accepts notice on behalf of respondents No. 1 to 3 only.

Without entering upon an exercise to evaluate the evidentiary value of the documents placed on the file, I dispose of the petition with a direction to respondent No. 2-Commissioner of Police, Jalandhar, District Jalandhar, to decide the representation dated 08.09.2021 (Annexure P-6) of 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.

(HARNARESH SINGH GILL)
JUDGE

15.09.2021
Mangal Singh

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