

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

CRWP No.1336 of 2022

Date of Decision: 14.02.2022

Neha Rani and another

.....Petitioners.

Versus

State of Punjab and others

.....Respondents.

(Heard through Video-Conferencing)

CORAM: HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE MEENAKSHI I. MEHTA

Present: Mr. Naresh Gopal Sharma, Advocate
for the petitioners.

MEENAKSHI I. MEHTA, J.(Oral)

Both the petitioners have joined hands to prefer this petition for seeking the indulgence of this Court for the issuance of a writ in the nature of mandamus directing respondents No.1 to 3 to protect their lives and liberty as they apprehend threat to the same at the hands of respondent No.4 because they (petitioners) have solemnized their marriage against the wishes of this respondent. It has also been mentioned in this petition that a representation (Annexure P-5) has already been moved to respondent No.2 in this regard.

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

Ms. Samina Dhir, learned Deputy Advocate General, Punjab,
who has joined the proceedings on behalf of respondents No.1 to 3 in this

case in pursuance of the copies of the instant petition having been sent to the respondent-State in advance, accepts the notice on behalf of these respondents.

Heard.

Learned counsel for the petitioners restricts his prayer to the issuance of a direction to respondent No.2 to look into and take appropriate action on the said representation of the petitioners, i.e Annexure P-5.

Learned State counsel has no objection for the same.

Keeping in view the above-discussed limited prayer as made by learned counsel for the petitioners and without commenting or expressing any opinion on the legality and validity of the marriage as stated to have been solemnized between the petitioners, respondent No.2-Senior Superintendent of Police, Patiala, is hereby directed to look into the said representation (Annexure P-5) of the petitioners and if it is found that the petitioners genuinely deserve any protection, then to take appropriate action in accordance with law.

This petition stands disposed of accordingly.

February 14, 2022
Yag Dutt

(MEENAKSHI I. MEHTA)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned: *Yes*

Whether Reportable: *No*