

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT CHANDIGARH

CRWP No.1430 of 2022

Date of Decision: 17.02.2022

(Heard Through Video Conferencing)

Ramsha and Another

..... Petitioners

V/s.

State of Punjab and Others

..... Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MS. JUSTICE JAISHREE THAKURPresent: Mr. Arun Gupta, Advocate
for the petitioners.

Mr. A.S. Gill, Sr. DAG, Punjab.

Jaishree Thakur, J. (Oral)

1. 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.

2. 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.

3. The certificate and photographs evidencing their marriage are on record as Annexures P-3 and P-4, respectively. The petitioners have submitted a representation dated 13.02.2022 (Annexure P-5) to respondent No. 2- Senior Superintendent of Police (Rural), District Amritsar, Punjab.

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

5. On the asking of this Court, Mr. A.S. Gill, Sr. DAG, Punjab, accepts notice on behalf of respondents No. 1 to 3.

6. 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- Senior Superintendent of Police (Rural), District Amritsar, Punjab, to decide the representation dated 13.02.2022 (Annexure P-5) of the petitioners and grant protection to the petitioners, 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.

17th February, 2022

Sonia Puri

**(JAISHREE THAKUR)
JUDGE**

**Whether Speaking/Reasoned
Whether Reportable**

**Yes/No
Yes/No**