

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

**CRWP-1671-2022 (O&M)
Date of decision: 28.02.2022
(Heard through VC)**

SHIVANI AND ANR

...Petitioners

Versus

STATE OF PUNJAB AND OTHERS

...Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARNARESH SINGH GILL

Present: Mr. Manu Loona, Advocate
for the petitioners.

Mr. Ajay Pal Singh Gill, DAG, Punjab.

HARNARESH SINGH GILL, J. (ORAL)

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 8.

At the outset, learned counsel for the petitioners submits that the date of representation be read as dated 19.02.2022 instead of 18.02.2022.

Ordered accordingly.

Learned counsel for the petitioners states that both the petitioners are major and have married against the wishes of respondents No. 4 to 8 and have sought protection to their life and liberty. They apprehend danger at the hands of respondents No. 4 to 8.

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 19.02.2022 (Annexure P-5) to respondent No. 2- Senior Superintendent of Police, Jalandhar (Rural), Punjab.

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

On the asking of this Court, Mr. Ajay Pal Singh Gill, DAG, 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- Senior Superintendent of Police, Jalandhar (Rural) Punjab, to decide the representation dated 19.02.2022 (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.

28.02.2022
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(HARNARESH SINGH GILL)
JUDGE

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