

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

(Sr. No. 142)

**CRWP No.3387 of 2022
Date of decision : 13.04.2022**

Vishal Kathia and another

.....Petitioners

Versus

State of Punjab and others

.....Respondents

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE DEEPAK SIBAL

Present : Mr. GS Sandhu, Advocate for the petitioners.

Mr. Davinder Bir Singh, DAG Punjab.

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DEEPAK SIBAL, J. (Oral)

Learned counsel for the petitioners submits that the petitioners have married each other against the wishes of the parents and brother of petitioner No.2 and on account of this act on their part, they are under threat of being eliminated at the hands of respondents No.4 to 6. In view of the above, seeking protection, a representation dated 07.04.2022 (Annexure P-4) was made on behalf of the petitioners to the Senior Superintendent of Police, Gurdaspur (respondent No.2), but to no avail.

In the above circumstances, seeking protection of their life and liberty, the petitioners have approached this Court through the present petition.

Without expressing any opinion on the merits of the matter, particularly the validity of the alleged marriage, the present petition is disposed of with a direction to the Senior Superintendent of Police, Gurdaspur (respondent No.2) to forthwith consider the aforesaid representation dated 07.04.2022 (Annexure P-4) made on behalf of the petitioners and thereafter take appropriate action on the same as is deemed fit in accordance with law to ensure the protection of life and liberty of the

petitioners.

It is made clear that this order shall not be taken to validate the alleged marriage of the petitioners or protect them from legal action for violation of law, if any, committed by them.

13.04.2022

(DEEPAK SIBAL)
JUDGE

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Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes / No
Whether reportable : Yes / No