

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

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CRWP-6988-2022 (O&M)

Date of Decision: 21.07.2022

DEVKUMARI AND ANR

... Petitioners

Versus

STATE OF PUNJAB AND OTHERS

... Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARNARESH SINGH GILL

Present: Mr. Rahul Soi, Advocate
for the petitioners.

HARNARESH SINGH GILL, J.(Oral)

This petition has been filed under Article 226 of the Constitution for issuance of a writ in the nature of mandamus directing the official respondents to protect the life and liberty of the petitioners at the hands of the private respondents.

Learned counsel for the petitioners states that both the petitioners are major and have married against the wishes of the private respondents and have sought protection to their life and liberty. They apprehend danger at the hands of the private respondents. The certificate evidencing their marriage is on record as Annexure P-3. Petitioner No.1 has submitted a representation dated 18.07.2022 (Annexure P-4) to respondent No.2-Senior Superintendent of Police, Patiala.

Notice of motion to respondents No.1 to 5-State only.

On the asking of this Court, Mr. Harbir Sandhu, AAG, Punjab, accepts notice on behalf of respondents No.1 to 5-State only.

Without entering upon an exercise to evaluate the evidentiary value of the documents placed on the file, I dispose of the present petition with a direction to respondent No.2-Senior Superintendent of Police, Patiala, to decide the representation dated 18.07.2022 (Annexure P-4) moved by petitioner No.1, 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.

21.07.2022

(HARNARESH SINGH GILL)

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JUDGE

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