

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

CRWP No.650 of 2023

Date of decision: 23rd January, 2023

Tinky & another

... Petitioners

Versus

State of UT Chandigarh & others

... Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE MANJARI NEHRU KAUL

Present: Mr. Nikhil Vats, Advocate for the petitioners.

MANJARI NEHRU KAUL, J. (ORAL)

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

Learned counsel submits that the petitioners have solemnized marriage against the wishes of private respondents, who are father and sister of petitioner No.1 respectively and have been threatening the petitioners with dire consequences ever since then. Learned counsel further submits that despite a representation (Annexure P-5) dated 16.01.2023 having been made to respondent No.2 – SSP, Chandigarh, they have failed to come to the rescue of the petitioners as a result of which they are still living under threat.

Notice of motion.

At the asking of Court, Ms. Vasundhara Dalal Anand, APP UT Chandigarh, who is present in Court, accepts notice on behalf of the official respondents.

In view of the submissions made by learned counsel for the petitioners, the petition is disposed of with a direction to respondent No.2 – Senior Superintendent of Police, Chandigarh to look into the representation (Annexure P-5) dated 16.01.2023 and take necessary steps, if any required, in accordance with law, to ensure that the life and liberty of the petitioners is not jeopardized at the hands of the private respondents. However, this direction will not validate the marriage alleged to have taken place between the parties and will have no effect on any civil or criminal action, which could be initiated in the matter in accordance with law.

(MANJARI NEHRU KAUL)
JUDGE

January 23, 2023
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Whether speaking/reasoned	Yes/No
Whether reportable	Yes/No