

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

CRWP No.3721 of 2023
Date of decision: 20th April, 2023

Priya Devi & another
... Petitioners

Versus

State of Punjab & others
... Respondents

CORAM: HON’BLE MRS. JUSTICE MANJARI NEHRU KAUL

Present: Mr. Dheeraj Kumar and Mr. HPS Ishar, Advocates
for the petitioners.

MANJARI NEHRU KAUL, J. (ORAL)

The 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 No.1 and 2, who are stated to be aged 19 and 22 years respectively, are being extended threats by the private respondents ever since they have solemnized marriage on 16.04.2023 at Chandigarh against the wishes of the private respondents. It has been further submitted that on account of the threats, representation (Annexure P-5) dated 16.04.2023 was also made to respondent No.2 – Senior Superintendent of Police, District Hoshiarpur, however, the official respondents had failed to come to their rescue.

Notice of motion to the official respondents.

At the asking of Court, Mr. Amit Rana, Sr. Deputy Advocate General, Punjab accepts notice on behalf of the said 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, District Hoshiarpur to look into the representation (Annexure P-5) dated 16.04.2023 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

April 20, 2023
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Whether speaking/reasoned	Yes/No
Whether reportable	Yes/No