

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

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**CRWP-6527-2023 (O&M)
Date of decision: 04.07.2023**

Anushka Singh and another

...Petitioners

Versus

State of Punjab and others

...Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARNARESH SINGH GILL

Present: Mr. Tushaar Madaan, Advocate for the petitioners.

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 respondent No.4.

Learned counsel for the petitioners submits that this is an inter-caste marriage. Both the petitioners are major and have married against the wishes of respondent No.4 and have sought protection to their life and liberty. They apprehend danger at the hands of respondent No.4. 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 29.06.2023 (Annexure P-5) to respondent No. 2-Senior Superintendent of Police, Barnala.

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

On the asking of this Court, Mr. C.L. Pawar, Addl. AG 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, Barnala to decide the representation dated 29.06.2023 (Annexure P-5) of the petitioners and grant protection to them, 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.

(HARNARESH SINGH GILL)
JUDGE

04.07.2023

Mangal Singh

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