

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

CRWP No.12284 of 2022
Date of decision: 9th January, 2023

Priya Devi & another

... Petitioners

Versus

State of Punjab & others

... Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE MANJARI NEHRU KAUL

Present: Mr. Khalid Tauru, Advocate for the petitioners.

Mr. Sanish Girdhar, Assistant Advocate General, Punjab
for the respondents/State.

MANJARI NEHRU KAUL, J. (ORAL)

Petitioners in the instant petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India are seeking protection to their life and liberty at the hands of private respondents, who have been threatening them with dire consequences after they solemnized marriage on 23.12.2022.

Learned counsel appearing for the petitioners submits that even though a representation (Annexure P-5) dated 23.12.2022 has been given to respondent No.2 – Senior Superintendent of Police, Pathankot, however it had proved to be in vain as the police had failed to come to their rescue.

Learned State counsel, on instructions, has apprised the Court that neither any missing report has been recorded nor any FIR registered against petitioner No.2 at the instance of the private 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, Pathankot to look into the representation dated 23.12.2022 (Annexure P-5) 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 said 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 9, 2023
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Whether speaking/reasoned	Yes/No
Whether reportable	Yes/No