

**CRWP-350-2024****-1-****IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH****234-2****CRWP-350-2024**

Date of Decision:- 23.07.2024

Priyanka Rai and Anr.

....Petitioners

Vs.

State of Punjab and Ors.

...Respondents

CORAM:-HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE AMARJOT BHATTI

Present:- Mr. Jaswinder Singh Rana, Advocate for petitioners.

Mr. Amandeep Singh, DAG, Punjab.

AMARJOT BHATTI, J.

1. Petitioners Priyanka Rai and Aman Kumar have filed present petition under Article 226 of the Constitution of India for issuance of a writ in the nature of mandamus directing respondents No.2 to 4 not to harass petitioners at the instance of respondents No.5 to 7 as petitioners have married against the wishes of private respondents and with further prayer to direct respondents No.2 to 4 to protect life and liberty of petitioners and family members of petitioner No.2 from the hands of respondents No.5 to 7.
2. In compliance to previous order dated 16.01.2024, learned State counsel has filed status report, which is taken on record.
3. As per status report, there is reference of FIR No.300 dated 25.10.2023 under Section 346, 384, 506 and 120-B of IPC, registered at Police Station Rama Mandi, Police Commissionerate, Jalandhar on the statement of Manjit Rai i.e. respondent No.5. Learned counsel representing the State has placed on record statement of Priyanka recorded under Section

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164 Cr.P.C. by learned Judicial Magistrate Ist Class, Jalandhar in case titled State Vs. Ranvir Singh confirming her marriage with Aman Kumar with her free consent with further prayer that she and her in-laws family be not harassed.

4. Considering aforesaid facts, respondents No. 2 to 4 are directed to protect life and liberty of petitioners from the hands of respondents No. 5 to 7, considering threat perception with further direction to maintain their privacy and dignity.

5. Aforesaid protection order will have no bearing on legality and validity of marriage and it will not protect them in case there is any violation of law or pending legal proceedings.

6. Petition is accordingly disposed of.

7. Pending miscellaneous application(s), if any, stand disposed of accordingly as well.

23.07.2024*Sunil Devi***(AMARJOT BHATTI)
JUDGE**

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