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

CRWP-1560-2024

Date of decision: 19.02.2024

Vinay Kumar and another

....Petitioners

Versus

State of Haryana and others

...Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARPREET SINGH BRAR

Present: Petitioners in person.

HARPREET SINGH BRAR, J. (ORAL)

The present criminal writ petition has been filed under Articles 226/227 of the Constitution of India for issuance of a writ in the nature of *mandamus* directing respondents No.2 & 3 to protect the life and liberty of the petitioners who are apprehending imminent danger at the hands of respondents No.4 to 7 and other relatives by restraining them from interfering in the peaceful life of the petitioners.

In view of the resolution passed by the Punjab and Haryana High Court Bar Association, members of the Bar are abstaining from work today.

A perusal of the pleadings indicates that petitioners have married against the wishes of respondents No.4 to 7 and they claim themselves to be major and seek protection to their life and liberty. They apprehend danger from respondents No.4 to 7. They have placed on record marriage certificate (Annexure P-3) to substantiate their claim. The petitioners have also submitted a representation dated 15.02.2024 (Annexure P-5) to respondent No.2 but no action has been taken so far.

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Notice of motion to official respondents only.

Without commenting on the validity of the marriage allegedly performed by the petitioners and entering upon an exercise to evaluate the evidentiary value of the documents placed on the file, I dispose of this petition with direction to respondent No.2 to decide the representation of the petitioners (Annexure P-5) within a period of one week from the date of receipt of a copy of this order and grant them protection, if there is any threat to their life and liberty in accordance with law. 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.

(HARPREET SINGH BRAR)
JUDGE

19.02.2024
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Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes/No
Whether reportable : Yes/No