

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

116. **CRWP No.1686 of 2024 (O&M)**
Date of Decision:22.02.2024

Manisha and another ... Petitioners

Versus

State of Punjab and others ... Respondents

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARPREET SINGH BRAR

Present: Mr. Rampal Kaushik, Advocate
for the petitioners.

HARPREET SINGH BRAR, J. (ORAL)

1. The present 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.1 to 3 to protect the life and liberty of petitioners at the hands of respondents No.4 & 5.
2. Learned counsel for the petitioners contends that petitioners have married against the wishes of respondents No.4 & 5 and they claim themselves to be major and seek protection to their life and liberty. They apprehend danger from respondents No.4 & 5. They have placed on record marriage certificate (Annexure P-3) to substantiate their claim. The petitioners have also submitted a representation dated 19.02.2024 (Annexure P-5) to respondent No.2 but no action has been taken so far.
3. Notice of motion to the official respondents only.
4. Mr. Subhash Godara, Addl. A.G., Punjab, who is present in Court, accepts notice for the official respondents. Counsel for the petitioners is directed

to supply a copy of complete paper book to the counsel appearing for the State during the course of the day.

5. 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 certified copy of this order and grant them protection, if there is any threat to their life and liberty. 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

February 22, 2024
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Whether speaking/reasoned	Yes/No
Whether reportable	Yes/No