

114 IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
CHANDIGARH

CRWP-1710-2024 (O&M)

Date of Decision: 23.02.2024

NEHA RANI AND ANOTHER

...Petitioners

V/S

STATE OF PUNJAB AND OTHERS

...Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARPREET SINGH BRAR

Present: Petitioners in person.

HARPREET SINGH BRAR J. (Oral)

1. Present criminal writ petition has been filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India seeking issuance of directions to respondents No. 2 and 3 for protection of life and liberty of the petitioners from private respondents No. 4 to 7.
2. In view of the resolution passed by the Punjab and Haryana High Court Bar Association, learned counsel for the petitioners could not appear before the Court.
3. A perusal of the pleadings indicate that the petitioners have married against the wishes of respondents No. 4 to 7 and they claims 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 20.02.2024 (Annexure P-5) to respondent No. 2 but no action has been taken so far.
4. Notice of motion to official respondents only.

5. Without commenting upon the validity of the marriage of 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 the 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 Court 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.

23.02.2023
Ajay Goswami

(HARPREET SINGH BRAR)
JUDGE

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