

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

116. **CRWP No.1755 of 2024 (O&M)**
Date of Decision:26.02.2024

Jaspal Singh and another ... Petitioners

Versus

State of Punjab and others ... Respondents

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARPREET SINGH BRAR

Present: Ms. Dilpreet Kaur, Advocate
for the petitioners.

HARPREET SINGH BRAR, J. (ORAL)

1. The present petition has been filed under Article 226/227 of the Constitution of India for issuance of a writ in the nature of mandamus directing respondent No.2 to protect the life and liberty of petitioners at the hands of respondents No.4 to 6 by providing them adequate security/police protection.

2. Learned counsel for the petitioners contends that both petitioners are major and they wish to marry each other. However, respondents No.4 to 6 want to solemnize marriage of petitioner No.2 with someone else and when she refused to do so, she was being continuously pressurized to get married with the boy of their choice. On 11.02.2024, petitioner No.2 ran away from her home and started living with petitioner No.1 in a live in relationship. It is further contended that respondents No.4 to 6 are threatening petitioners with dire consequences. In this regard, they have also submitted a representation dated 12.02.2024 (Annexure P-3) to respondent No.2 but no action has been taken so far.

3. Notice of motion to the official respondents only.
4. On the asking of the Court, Mr. Sandeep Kumar, DAG, 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 relationship 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 direction to respondent No.2 to decide the representation of the petitioners (Annexure P-3) 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 26, 2024
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Whether speaking/reasoned	Yes/No
Whether reportable	Yes/No