

**In the High Court for the States of Punjab and Haryana
At Chandigarh**

CRWP-2299-2024 (O&M)
Date of Decision:-13.3.2024

Ritu Devi and another

... Petitioners

Versus

State of Punjab and others

... Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE GURVINDER SINGH GILL

Present:- Ms. Mandeep Kaur, Advocate for the petitioners.

GURVINDER SINGH GILL, J.(Oral)

1. Petitioner No.1 – Ritu Devi aged about 22 years and petitioner No.2 – Gurpreet Singh aged about 23 years have approached this Court seeking issuance of a direction to official respondents to protect their lives and liberty as they apprehend threat to the same at the hands of private respondents, having married against the wishes of their families.
2. Without commenting anything as regards the veracity of the averments made in the petition or as regards the validity of alleged marriage or age of the petitioners, the petition is disposed of with a direction to respondent No.2 – Senior Superintendent of Police, District Patiala, Punjab to look into the matter and to dispose off the representation dated 9.3.2024 (Annexure P-5) in accordance with law. In case, it is found that there is a genuine threat to the lives and liberty of the petitioners, then necessary steps warranted under law be taken thereupon at the earliest so as to ensure that no harm is caused to the petitioners.

3. A copy of this order alongwith copy of the representation dated 9.3.2024 (Annexure P-5) be sent to respondent No.2 – Senior Superintendent of Police, District Patiala, Punjab so as to enable him to do the needful expeditiously.
4. It is, however, clarified that the aforesaid order shall not be taken to be any expression as regards the validity of marriage or age of the petitioners and shall not confer any immunity upon the petitioners, in case it is found that they have committed any wrong.

13.3.2024
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(Gurvinder Singh Gill)
Judge

Whether speaking /reasoned	Yes / No
Whether Reportable	Yes / No