



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

CRWP No.4700 of 2024
Date of decision: 21st May, 2024

Shamim Akhter & another

... Petitioners

Versus

State of Punjab & others

... Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE MANJARI NEHRU KAUL

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

MANJARI NEHRU KAUL, J. (ORAL)

1. The instant petition has been filed under Articles 226/227 of the Constitution of India for issuance of writ in the nature of mandamus seeking directions to the official respondents to protect the life and liberty of the petitioners at the hands of private respondents.

2. Learned counsel inter alia contends that the petitioners are apprehending threats at the hands of private respondents, who are parents and brother respectively of petitioner No.1. While drawn the attention of this Court of this Court to Annexure P-4, the marriage certificate, learned counsel submits that the petitioners have solemnized their marriage on 14.05.2024, however, the private respondents have not accepted the same and for which, they both are being subjected to continuous harassment and threats of dire consequences. She further submits that representation (Annexure P-7) dated 14.05.2024 in the said



regard was also made to respondent No.2 – Senior Superintendent of Police, District Faridkot, however, it had proved to be in vain.

3. On a pointed query put to the learned counsel as to whether any case of abduction/kidnapping of petitioner No.1 stood registered against petitioner No.2 at the instance of the private respondents, she has replied in the negative.

4. Notice of motion to the official respondents.

5. At the asking of Court, Mr. Navdeep Singh, Dy. Advocate General, Punjab accepts notice on behalf of the said respondents.

6. In view of the submissions made by learned counsel for the petitioners, the petition is disposed of with a direction to respondent No.2 – Senior Superintendent of Police, District Faridkot to look into the representation (Annexure P-7) dated 14.05.2024 and take necessary steps, if any required, in accordance with law, to ensure that the life and liberty of the petitioners is not jeopardized at the hands of the private respondents. However, this direction will not validate the marriage alleged to have taken place between the parties and will have no effect on any civil or criminal action, which could be initiated in the matter in accordance with law.

(MANJARI NEHRU KAUL)
JUDGE

May 21, 2024
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Whether speaking/reasoned	Yes/No
Whether reportable	Yes/No