



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

CRWP No.5038 of 2024 (O&M)

Date of decision: 29th May, 2024

Ritu & another

... Petitioners

Versus

State of Punjab & others

... Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE MANJARI NEHRU KAUL

Present: Ms. Manisha Kumari, Advocate for the petitioners.

MANJARI NEHRU KAUL, J. (ORAL)

1. The instant petition has been filed under Article 226 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 close relatives respectively of petitioner No.1. She submits that ever since the petitioners have solemnized marriage against the wishes of the private respondents, they are being continuously threatened with dire consequences. In support, learned counsel has drawn the attention of this Court to Annexure P-3, the marriage certificate. It has been further submitted that representation (Annexure



P-4) dated 24.05.2024 was also made to respondent No.2 – Senior Superintendent of Police, Batala, however, it had proved to be in vain.

- 3. Notice of motion to the official respondents.
- 4. At the asking of Court, Mr. Navdeep Singh, Dy. Advocate General, Punjab accepts notice on behalf of the said respondents.
- 5. 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, Batala to look into the representation (Annexure P-4) dated 24.05.2024 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 29, 2024
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Whether speaking/reasoned	Yes/No
Whether reportable	Yes/No