



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

**CRWP-5431-2024
Date of Decision: 07.06.2024**

Pooja Rani and another

..... Petitioners

Versus

State of Punjab and others

..... Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARSH BUNGER

Present: Mr. Sanjeev K.Sharma, Advocate
for the petitioners.

HARSH BUNGER J. (ORAL)

1. Petitioners have filed the instant petition under Articles 226/227 of the Constitution of India for issuance of directions to respondents No.1 to 3 to provide them the protection of life and liberty as they have married against wishes of private respondents No.4 to 9.

2. Learned counsel for the petitioners submits that petitioner No.1 – Pooja Rani, aged 25 years and petitioner No.2 – Harbhajan Singh, aged about 24 years, have got married on 03.06.2024, against wishes of the family members of petitioner No. 1 (Pooja Rani), arrayed as respondents No.4 to 9. It has been further submitted that private respondents are threatening and trying to interfere in the marital life of petitioners. Hence, they are seeking protection in this regard and have approached this Court by way of filing the instant petition.

3. Notice of motion to respondents No.1 to 3/State only.
4. At the asking of Court, Mr. Kunwarbir Singh, Assistant Advocate General, Punjab, who is present in the Court, accepts notice on behalf of respondents No.1 to 3/State.
5. Given the nature of the order being passed, there is no necessity to seek any response by the official respondents or even to serve the private respondents No.4 to 9.
6. In view of above, without expressing any opinion on the merits of the case or the claim being made by the petitioners in representation (Annexure P-5), respondent No.2 – Senior Superintendent of Police, Mansa, District Mansa is directed to look into representation dated 03.06.2024 (Annexure P-5) *qua* threat perception, if any, and take necessary steps, if any required, in accordance with law, to ensure that lives and liberties of the petitioners are not jeopardized at the hands of private respondents No.4 to 9.
7. However, this direction shall not be construed to validate the marriage, said to have taken place between the petitioners. This order shall also not be taken to protect the petitioners from legal action for violation of law, if any, committed by them and will have no effect on any civil or criminal action, which could be initiated in the matter in accordance with law.
8. Present petition is accordingly disposed of.
9. All pending application(s), if any, shall also stand closed.

07.06.2024*Apurva***(HARSH BUNGER)
JUDGE**

1. Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes/No
2. Whether reportable : Yes/No