

**CRWP-7295-2024****1****IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT
CHANDIGARH****110****CRWP-7295-2024****Date of Decision: 01.08.2024****SEJAL GANDHI AND ANOTHER****....Petitioners*****Versus*****STATE OF PUNJAB AND OTHERS****.....Respondents****CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE GURBIR SINGH.****Present: Ms. Mandeep Kaur, Advocate for the petitioners.****GURBIR SINGH, J (ORAL)**

1. The present petition has been filed *inter alia* with a prayer for issuance of directions to respondent Nos. 2 and 3 to protect life and liberty of the petitioners from the hands of respondent Nos. 4 & 5 and not to interfere in their personal lives.

2. It has been averred that the date of birth of petitioner No.1 is 22.08.2004 while date of birth of petitioner No.2 is 26.07.1999. Copies of Aadhar Cards of petitioner Nos.1 & 2 to this effect are attached as Annexures P-1 and P-2.

3. It has been submitted that the marriage of the petitioners was solemnized on 28.07.2024. The marriage certificate and marriage photographs are attached as Annexure P-3 and P-4. Respondent Nos. 4 & 5 had opposed to their marriage, as the petitioners had performed the marriage without their consent. The petitioners have submitted representation dated 28.07.2024 (Annexure P-5) to respondent No.2- Senior Superintendent of Police, District Patiala seeking protection of their lives and liberty at the hands of respondent Nos. 4 & 5.

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4. Notice of motion to respondent Nos.1 to 3.
5. On the asking of the Court, Mr. Rajinder Singh Bhatta, DAG, Punjab accepts notice on behalf of respondent Nos.1 to 3.
6. Without expressing any opinion on the merits of the matter and in particular the legality of the alleged relationship, the present petition is disposed of with a direction to respondent No.2- Senior Superintendent of Police, District Patiala to forthwith consider the aforesaid representation dated 28.07.2024 made on behalf of the petitioners and thereafter, take appropriate action on the same as is deemed fit in accordance with law to ensure the protection of life and liberty of the petitioners. Till then, protect the life and liberty of the petitioners. Respondent No.2 would pass necessary order without being influenced by any pleadings made in the petition.
7. It is made clear that this order shall not be taken to validate the alleged relationship between the petitioners or protect them from legal action for violation, if any, committed by them.

01.08.2024*renu***(GURBIR SINGH)
JUDGE****Whether speaking/reasoned: Yes/No
Whether Reportable: Yes/No**