

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

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2024:PHHC:147379



CRWP No. 10841 of 2024 (O&M)

DECIDED ON: 12th November, 2024

Dev Kumar and another

.....PETITIONERS

VERSUS

State of Haryana and others

.....RESPONDENTS

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE GURVINDER SINGH GILL

Present: Mr. Shashank Vardaan Sharma, Advocate for petitioners.

GURVINDER SINGH GILL, J (ORAL)

1. Petitioner No.1 –Dev Kumar aged about 21 years and petitioner No.2 – Payal aged about 18 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-Superintendent of Police, Panipat, Haryana to look into the matter and to dispose off the representation dated 5.11.2024 (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 5.11.2024 (Annexure P-5) be sent to respondent No.2-Superintendent of Police, Panipat, Haryana, 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.

12th November, 2024

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(GURVINDER SINGH GILL)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned	Yes
Whether reportable	No