



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

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**CRWP-11347-2024(O&M)
Date of Decision: 25.11.2024**

RITIKA AND ANR.

....Petitioners

VERSUS

STATE OF PUNJAB AND ORS.

....Respondents

CORAM : HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE MANISHA BATRA

Present : Mr. Lupil Gupta, Advocate for the petitioners.

Ms. Ruchika Sabherwal, Sr. DAG, Punjab.

MANISHA BATRA, J. (Oral)

1. The present petition has been filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India for issuance of a writ in the nature of Mandamus for directing the respondents no.2 & 3 not to harass the petitioners at the instance of respondents no.4 to 6 as the petitioners have performed marriage against the wishes of private respondents, with further prayer to direct the respondents no.2 and 3 to protect the lives and liberty of the petitioners and take action on their representation dated 20.11.2024 (Annexure P-4).

2. At the very outset, learned counsel for the petitioners has submitted that the petitioners have recently filed a representation on 20.11.2024 before the Senior Superintendent of Police, Ludhiana (Rural) (Annexure P-4) raising their grievances as mentioned in the present petition but the same has not yet been considered and no action has been taken



thereon. He further submitted that at this stage, the petitioners would be satisfied if appropriate directions are issued to respondent No.2-Senior Superintendent of Police, Ludhiana (Rural) to decide the aforesaid representation filed by the petitioners and take necessary action thereon.

3. Notice of motion.

4. Ms. Ruchika Sabherwal, Sr. DAG, Punjab who is present in Court, has accepted the notice on behalf of the respondents-State and submits that the needful will be done in due course. Let a complete set of the paperbook be supplied to her during the course of the day.

5. In view of the limited prayer made by the petitioners, without commenting anything on the merits of the case, the present petition is disposed of at this stage with a direction to respondent No. 2 to decide the aforesaid representation dated 20.11.2024 (Annexure P-4) of the petitioners within a period of 15 days from today, by passing a speaking order in accordance with law. Needless to say, if any threat is found to the petitioners, the official respondents would provide them adequate security in order to protect their life and liberty.

(MANISHA BATRA)
JUDGE

25.11.2024
Deepak Patwal

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