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IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT
CHANDIGARH

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Date of decision: 10.01.2025

Pradeep Kumar

...Petitioner

V/s

State of Haryana and others

...Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SUMEET GOEL

Present: Mr. Tanya Vashist, Advocate for the petitioner.

SUMEET GOEL, J. (Oral)

1. The present petition has been filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India, seeking issuance of a writ, particularly in the nature of mandamus, directing respondent Nos.1 to 3 to protect life and liberty of the petitioner. Further prayer has been made by the petitioner to seek protection from being implicated in false/frivolous cases allegedly stemming from frivolous complaints made by respondent Nos.4 to 9.
2. The case as set up by the petitioner in the instant petition is as follows:
 - 2.1. The petitioner has alleged that his parents have arranged his marriage with one Ms. Varsha, daughter of Girraj Singh, against his wishes. Despite his objections, the 'Roka' ceremony was held under duress on 17.11.2024 and the marriage is scheduled to be solemnized on 05.03.2025. The petitioner further asserts that he is in a consensual relationship with Dr. Megha Rajvanshi, a Medical Officer in Karnal, and both intend to marry by mutual consent. However, the family of the petitioner has vehemently opposed this relationship and has subjected him to emotional and physical

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pressure in an attempt to coerce him into the arranged marriage. Furthermore, Ms. Varsha and her family have threatened the petitioner with false accusations, including dowry harassment and have made threats of severe consequences in case he refuses to proceed with the marriage.

2.2 The petitioner has further submitted that he faces a real and imminent threat to his life and liberty, given the opposition from both his family and the family of Ms. Varsha. Furthermore, on 02.01.2025, the petitioner was detained and threatened by the private respondents. It is further submitted that the petitioner moved a representation (copy whereof has been appended as Annexure P-1 with the instant petition) to respondent No.3 via e-mail on 03.01.2025, through his counsel but no action has been taken which necessitated the petitioner to approach this Court.

3. Learned counsel for the petitioner, at this stage, limits his prayer and submits that the petitioner would be satisfied if a direction is issued to respondent No.3 to consider and take a decision on the representation (Annexure P-1) made by the petitioner in a time bound manner.

4. On the strength of the advance notice, Ms. Ankita Ahuja, AAG Haryana, accepts notice on behalf of the official respondents i.e. respondent Nos.1 to 3. She, however, submits she has no objection in case the prayer made by the learned counsel for the petitioner at this stage is accepted.

5. I have heard learned counsel for the rival parties and have perused the paper-book.

6. Keeping in view the entirety of facts and circumstances of the case, and without going into merits thereof, the instant petition is disposed



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of with a direction to Superintendent of Police, Palwal, (respondent No.3 herein) to look into the representation (Annexure P-1) moved by the petitioner; consider the grievance(s) raised in the said representation & take appropriate action, in accordance with law, within a period of one month from the date of receipt/production of the certified copy of this order.

7. However, if the petitioner is found to have been involved in any case, then this order shall not preclude the competent authority from taking lawful action against the petitioner.

8. The petition stands disposed off. Pending application(s), if any, shall also stand disposed off.

(SUMEET GOEL)
JUDGE

January 10, 2025
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Whether speaking/reasoned:	Yes/No
Whether reportable:	Yes/No