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AT CHANDIGARH**

CRWP-146-2025

Date of decision: 09.01.2025

Sunita Rani and another

....Petitioners

Versus

State of Punjab and others

...Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARPREET SINGH BRAR

Present: Mr. Santosh Kumar, Advocate
for the petitioners.

Mr. Subhash Godara, Addl.A.G., Punjab with
Mr. S.S. Goripuria, DAG, Punjab.

HARPREET SINGH BRAR, J. (ORAL)

The present criminal writ petition has been filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India read with Section 482 of Cr.P.C. for issuance of a writ in the nature of *mandamus* for directing respondents No.1 to 3 to protect the life and liberty of the petitioners.

The learned counsel for the petitioners contends that the petitioners have married against the wishes of respondents No.4 to 7 and they claim themselves to be major and seek protection to their life and liberty. They apprehend danger from respondents No.4 to 7. They have placed on record marriage certificate (Annexure P-3) to substantiate their claim. The petitioners have also submitted a representation dated 22.12.2024 (Annexure P-5) to respondent No.2 but no action has been taken so far.

Notice of motion to official respondents only.

Mr. Subhash Godara, Addl.A.G., Punjab with Mr. S.S. Goripuria, DAG, Punjab, who is present in Court accepts notice for the official

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respondents. Counsel for the petitioners is directed to supply a copy of complete paper book to the counsel appearing for the State during the course of the day.

Without commenting on the validity of the marriage allegedly performed by the petitioners and entering upon an exercise to evaluate the evidentiary value of the documents placed on the file, I dispose of this petition with direction to respondent No.2 to decide the representation of the petitioners (Annexure P-5) within a period of one week from the date of receipt of a copy of this order and grant them protection, if there is any threat to their life and liberty in accordance with law. It is made clear that this order shall not be taken to protect the petitioners from legal action for violation of law, if any committed by them.

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(HARPREET SINGH BRAR)
JUDGE

09.01.2025*Neha*

Whether speaking/reasoned	:	Yes/No
Whether reportable	:	Yes/No