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

CRWP-350-2025

Date of decision: 15.01.2025

Baneesha and another

....Petitioners

Versus

State of Punjab and others

...Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARPREET SINGH BRAR**Present:** Dr. Sumati Jund, Advocate
for the petitioners.

Mr. Subhash Godara, Addl.A.G., Punjab.

HARPREET SINGH BRAR, J. (ORAL)

The present criminal writ petition has been filed under Articles 226/227 of the Constitution of India for issuance of a writ in the nature of *mandamus* directing respondents No.1 to 3 to protect the life and liberty of the petitioners at the hands of respondent No.4.

The learned counsel for the petitioners contends that the petitioners have married against the wishes of respondent No.4 and they claim themselves to be major and seek protection to their life and liberty. They apprehend danger from respondent No.4. They have placed on record marriage certificate (Annexure P-4) to substantiate their claim. The petitioners have also submitted a representation dated 11.01.2025 (Annexure P-5) to the Superintendent of Police, Hoshiarpur but no action has been taken so far.

Notice of motion to official respondents only.

Mr. Subhash Godara, Addl.A.G., Punjab, who is present in Court accepts notice for the official respondents. Counsel for the petitioners is directed to supply a copy of complete paper book to the counsel appearing for

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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

15.01.2025*Neha*

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