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

CRWP-1603-2025

Date of decision: 15.02.2025

Kumkum and another

....Petitioners

Versus

State of Haryana and others

...Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARPREET SINGH BRAR

Present: Mr. Vikram Pundir, Advocate and
Mr. Mohan Singh Rana, Advocate
for the petitioners.

Mr. Vikas Bhardwaj, AAG, Haryana.

Mr. Pulkit Sethi, Advocate
for private respondents.**HARPREET SINGH BRAR, J. (ORAL)**

The present criminal writ petition has been filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India read with Section 528 of Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 for issuance of a writ in the nature of *mandamus* directing the official respondents No.2 & 3 to protect the life and liberty of the petitioners and not to interfere in the peaceful life of the petitioners at the behest of respondents No.4 to 8 and other relatives.

The learned counsel for the petitioners contends that the petitioners have married against the wishes of respondents No.4 to 8 and they claim themselves to be major and seek protection to their life and liberty. They apprehend danger from respondents No.4 to 8. They have placed on record marriage certificate (Annexure P-3) to substantiate their claim. The petitioners have also submitted a representation dated 13.02.2025 (Annexure P-5) to respondent No.2 but no action has been taken so far.

Notice of motion to official respondents only.

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Mr. Vikas Bhardwaj, AAG, Haryana, 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 the State during the course of the day.

Without commenting on the relationship allegedly 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

15.02.2025*Neha*

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