



IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT
CHANDIGARH

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CRWP No.2773 of 2025
Date of decision: 20.03.2025

Manpreet Kaur and another

....Petitioners

Versus

State of Punjab and others

....Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARPREET SINGH BRAR

Present: Mr. Deepak Goyal, Advocate
for the petitioners.

HARPREET SINGH BRAR 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 directing respondents No.2 to 5 to protect the life and liberty of petitioners at the hands of respondents No.6 to 9.
2. Learned counsel for the petitioners contends that the marriage of petitioner No.1 was solemnized with one Satgur Singh, out of which one child was born on 10.08.2021 and in the year 2021, the petitioner No.1 along with the minor child were expelled from the matrimonial home on account of demand of dowry and later on, the husband of petitioner No.1 namely Satgur Singh solemnized marriage without obtaining divorce from petitioner No.1. He further submits that later on, both the petitioners, who are consenting adults, decided to live together and they informed their families of their decision, but faced strong objections due to their families' orthodox views and concerns about social reputation and traditional marriage customs. Despite efforts

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to explain that they are mature individuals, the families continued to oppose their live-in relationship and the said relationship is not acceptable to respondents No.6 to 9 and they are threatening the petitioners with dire consequences. The petitioners apprehend danger to their life and liberty from respondents No.6 to 9 and in this regard, submitted a representation dated 17.03.2025 (Annexure P-1) to respondents No.2 to 5 but no action has been taken so far.

3. Notice of motion to the official respondents only.
4. Mr. Subhash Godara, Addl. A.G., Punjab, who is present in Court, accepts notice for the official respondents. Learned counsel for the petitioners is directed to supply a copy of complete paper book to learned State counsel during course of the day.
5. Without commenting on the relationship of 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.3 to decide the representation of the petitioners (Annexure P-1) 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.
6. 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.

(HARPREET SINGH BRAR)
JUDGE

20.03.2025

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Whether speaking/reasoned:
Whether reportable:

Yes/No
Yes/No