



IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB & HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

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CRWP-3734-2025 (O&M)
Date of decision: 11.04.2025

Rishab Sharma and another

...Petitioners

VERSUS

State of Punjab and others

...Respondents

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE VINOD S. BHARDWAJ

Present :- Mr. Anosh Samson, Advocate for the petitioner(s).

VINOD S. BHARDWAJ, J. (Oral)

The petitioners namely Rishab Sharma and Avanshika have approached this Court under Article 226 of the Constitution of India for seeking protection of their lives and personal liberty from private respondents No.4 to 7.

The contention of the petitioners is that both are major, aged 25 years and 19 years respectively and they have performed marriage against the wishes of their parents. In support thereof, copy of the Aadhaar Cards pertaining to the petitioners have been appended. The marriage of the petitioners was solemnized on 08.04.2025 at the Prachin Pashupati Nath Shiv Mandir (Regd.), Booth No. 228, Sector-4, Panchkula (Haryana) as per Hindu rites and rituals. A copy of Marriage Certificate (Annexure P-3) issued by the aforesaid Purohit and marriage photographs (Annexure P-4) have also been appended. The petitioners apprehend threat to their lives and claim that there is a constant danger of them being implicated in a false case.

Notice of motion restricted to respondents No.1 to 3 only.



Pursuant to supply of advance copy, Mr. Brijesh, AAG Punjab has appeared and accepted notice on behalf of respondents No.1 to 3.

Learned counsel for the petitioners states that a representation dated 08.04.2025 (Annexure P-5) has also been submitted by the petitioners to respondent No.2- Senior Superintendent of Police, Gurdaspur.

Learned State counsel has no objection if appropriate direction for providing requisite protection to the petitioners is given.

Without examining the question of legality and validity of the marriage and expressing any opinion thereon, the petition is disposed of with the directions to respondent No.2- Senior Superintendent of Police, Gurdaspur to look into the grievances of the petitioners as set out in the petition and also expressed in the representation dated 08.04.2025 (Annexure P-5) and take appropriate action for protection of their lives and liberty as may be warranted by the circumstances.

However, it is clarified that in case any criminal case has been/is registered against the petitioners, nothing in this order shall be construed as a bar for taking appropriate action by the police authorities in respect thereof in accordance with law.

The Registry is directed to send a copy of this order along with copy of the petition and above-said representation to respondent No.2- Senior Superintendent of Police, Gurdaspur for requisite compliance.

(VINOD S. BHARDWAJ)
JUDGE

11.04.2025

Mangal Singh

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