



IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

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CRWP-5251-2025
Date of Decision: 21.05.2025

Manju and another
...Petitioners
Versus
State of Punjab and others
...Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SANJAY VASHISTH

Present: Mr. Divyansh Shukla, Advocate for
Mr. Harmanbir Singh Sandhu, Advocate for the petitioners.

Mr. Neeraj Madaan, Sr. DAG, Punjab.

Mr. Babneet Singh, Advocate for respondent No.4.

SANJAY VASHISTH, J. (Oral)

1. Prayer in the instant petition, filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India, is for issuance of direction to the official respondents to provide protection of lives and liberty to the petitioners, who have married against the wishes of the private respondents.

The details, relevant for decision of the present petition, are tabulated as under:-

	Petitioner No. 1	Petitioner No. 2
Name(s)	Manju	Om Parkash
Age (in years)	18 years	25 years
Date of marriage	15.05.2025	
Rite	Hindu Rites	
Represented on	15.05.2025	
Submitted to	Senior Superintendent of Police, Fazilka	
Family members	Respondents No.4 to 6	



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2. Learned counsel for the petitioners submits that the petitioners have solemnized marriage against the wishes of their family members, who are threatening and interfering in the matrimonial life of the petitioners. It is the first marriage of both the petitioners. Hence, the petitioners are seeking protection in that regard and have approached this Court by way of filing the instant petition. They have also submitted a representation dated 15.05.2025 (Annexure P-5), to respondent No.2 – Senior Superintendent of Police, Fazilka, wherein, they have expressed their apprehension.
3. Notice of motion to the official respondents only.
4. On asking of the Court, Mr. Neeraj Madaan, Sr. DAG, Punjab, accepts notice on behalf of the respondent – State. Let requisite copies of the complete paper book be supplied to learned State counsel during course of the day.
5. At this stage, Mr. Babneet Singh, Advocate, puts in appearance on behalf of respondent No.4 (father of petitioner No.1) and files his *Vakalatnama* in Court, which is taken on record, subject to all just exceptions. Office to tag the same at appropriate place.
6. Counsel for respondent No.4 submits that the father of petitioner No.1 wish to meet her once to talk peacefully and make her understand.
7. In view of the above, the present petition is disposed of with a direction to respondent No.2 – Senior Superintendent of Police, Fazilka, to look into the representation dated 15.05.2025 (Annexure P-5), *qua* threat perception, and if there is any substance in it, take necessary steps, in



accordance with law, to ensure that the lives and liberty of the petitioners are not jeopardized at the hands of the private respondents.

8. However, this direction will not validate the marriage said to have taken place between the parties and will have no effect on any civil or criminal action, which could be initiated in the matter in accordance with law.

9. Besides, respondent No.2 – Senior Superintendent of Police, Fazilka, acknowledges the request of respondent No.4, the father of petitioner No.1, in the present petition. If the situation permits, respondent No.2 agrees to facilitate a meeting between petitioner No.1 and respondent No.4, provided that no untoward situation is created by them.

(SANJAY VASHISTH)
JUDGE

May 21, 2025
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Whether speaking/reasoned	Yes/No
Whether reportable	Yes/No