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IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

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Decided on: 29.05.2025

Punam Rani and anotherPetitioners
Versus
State of Haryana and othersRespondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SANJAY VASHISTH
Present: Mr.Joginder Pal Devgan, Advocate for the petitioners.

Mr. Kanwar Sanjiv Kumar, AAG, Haryana.
(appeared on advance notice)

SANJAY VASHISTH, J.

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)	Punam Rani	Rajender Kumar
Age (in years)	23 years	35 years
Date of marriage	24.05.2025	
Rite	Hindu rites	
Representation dated	26.05.2025 (Annexure P-5)	
Submitted to	Respondent No.2- Superintendent of Police, Kaithal	
Family members arrayed as	Respondents No. 4 to 7	

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

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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 26.05.2025 (Annexure P-5), to respondent No.2- Superintendent of Police, Kaithal, wherein, they have expressed their apprehension.

3. Notice of motion to the official respondents only.

4. On asking of the Court, learned State counsel 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. In view of the above, the present petition is disposed of with a direction to respondent No.2- Superintendent of Police, Kaithal, to look into the representation dated 26.05.2025 (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.

It is further observed that while the petitioners claim to be previously unmarried, there is a notable age gap of 12 years between them. Therefore, before considering the representation (Annexure P-5), respondent No. 2 shall verify that neither of the petitioners was previously married.

6. 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.

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(SANJAY VASHISTH)
JUDGE

Whether Speaking/Reasoned: **YES/NO**
Whether Reportable: **YES/NO**