



111 IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA  
AT CHANDIGARH

CRWP-5960-2025 (O&M)

Date of decision: 04.06.2025

Sukantla Rani @ Shma Khtun and another

.....Petitioners

V/s

State of Punjab and others

...Respondents

**CORAM:** HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE DEEPAK MANCHANDA

Present: Mr. Parvez Akhtar Dhaliwal, Advocate for the petitioners.  
(through V.C.)

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**DEEPAK MANCHANDA J. (ORAL)**

The instant petition has been filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India for issuing directions to the respondents No.2 and 3 to protect the life and liberty of the petitioners at the hands of respondents No.4 to 8.

2. Learned counsel for the petitioners contends that both the petitioners are major, aged about 22 years and 21 years respectively. In support thereof, copies of Aadhaar Cards pertaining to the petitioners have been appended (Annexures P-1 & P-2). The learned counsel for petitioners further contends that petitioners have performed marriage against the wishes of their parents and the marriage was solemnized on 30.05.2025. Copy of Marriage Certificate (Annexure P-3) has also been appended. He also contends that the representation dated 30.05.2025 (Annexures P-4) sent by the petitioners to respondent No. 2-Senior Superintendent of Police, Malerkotla, District Malerkotla has not been decided till date and the petitioners would be satisfied if the representation be decided in a time bound manner.



3. Notice of motion restricted to respondents No.1 to 3 only.
4. At this stage, Mr. K.D. Sachdeva, DAG Punjab accepts notice on behalf of respondents No.1 to 3 and has no objection if appropriate directions are given for deciding the representation submitted by the petitioners.
5. Therefore, 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, Malerkotla, District Malerkotla to look into the grievance of the petitioners as set out in the petition and also expressed in the representation (Annexure P-4) and take appropriate action for protection of their life and liberty as may be warranted by the circumstances in accordance with law.
6. The Registry is directed to send a copy of this order along with copy of the petition to respondent No. 2-Senior Superintendent of Police, Malerkotla, District Malerkotla for requisite compliance.

04.06.2025  
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(DEEPAK MANCHANDA)  
JUDGE

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| Whether speaking/reasoned | Yes/No |
| Whether reportable        | Yes/No |