

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

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CRWP-6949-2025
Decided on: 04.07.2025

Mati Dass and another

Versus

State of Punjab and others

.....Petitioners

.....Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SANJAY VASHISTH

Present: Mr. A.S. Gulati, Advocate
for the petitioners.

Mr. Neeraj Madan, Sr. DAG, Punjab.
(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)	Mati Dass	Komal
Age (in years)	25 years	22 years
Date of marriage	27.06.2025	
Rite	Christian Rites	
Representation dated	27.06.2025(P-5)	
Submitted to	Respondent No.2- The Senior Superintendent of Police, Gurdaspur	
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 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 27.06.2025 (Annexure P-5), to respondent No.2- The Senior Superintendent of Police, Gurdaspur, wherein, they have expressed their apprehension. Learned counsel for the petitioner further submits that the parties have solemnized their marriage according to Christian rites; however, inadvertently, in the representation dated 27.06.2025, it was mentioned that the petitioner had performed marriage as per Muslim rites. In this regard, he prays for liberty to file a fresh representation before the Senior Superintendent of Police concerned, seeking protection of their life and liberty.

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- The Senior Superintendent of Police, Gurdaspur, to look into the representation dated 27.06.2025 (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

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liberty of the petitioners are not jeopardized at the hands of the private respondents.

The petitioner is also granted liberty to file a fresh representation before respondent No. 2 for the aforesaid purpose.

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**