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**149 IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH**

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Date of Decision :20.03.2026

Bhawna and Another

....Petitioners

VERSUS

State of Haryana and Others

....Respondents

CORAM : HON'BLE MS. JUSTICE MANDEEP PANNU

Present: Mr. Sunil Kumar, Advocate for the petitioners.

MANDEEP PANNU J. (Oral)

1. The present writ petition under Article 226 of the Constitution of India has been filed seeking issuance of a writ in the nature of mandamus directing the official respondents to protect the life and liberty of the petitioners at the hands of private respondents, who are none other than the family members of the petitioners.

2. Learned counsel for the petitioners seeks protection of life and liberty of the petitioners by contending that both of them are major and have married each other against the wishes of the private respondents. He further submits that although at present both the petitioners are residing at Patiala, however, petitioner No.1 has threat perception at District Ambala where she is working as Nurse at Rotary Ambala Cancer and General Hospital, Ambala Cantt. Therefore, she has submitted a representation dated 16.03.2026 (Annexure P-7) in



this regard to the Superintendent of Police, Ambala, to seek protection of life and liberty but is still apprehensive about her security in view of the apparent inaction and alleged clout of her family members-respondents.

3. Notice of motion.

4. On the asking of the Court, Mr. Sushil Bhardwaj, Addl. AG, Haryana, accepts notice on behalf of the official respondents. A copy of the paper-book be handed over to him during the course of the day.

5. Both of them do appear to have crossed the age of majority as seen from the copies of documents filed and have married each other, in support of which, Marriage Certificate (Annexure P-35) and Marriage Photographs (Annexure P-6) have been placed on record.

6. Thus, the Superintendent of Police, Ambala, District Ambala, is directed to consider the representation dated 16.03.2026 (Annexure P-7) qua threat perception and take appropriate steps to ensure that no harm is caused to the life and liberty of the petitioners.

7. It is nevertheless clarified that this order is issued only on the premise that the petitioners have crossed the age of majority as seen from the documents placed on record being their Aadhar Cards Annexures P-1 and P-3, respectively. This would not *ipso facto* amount to granting any seal of approval on the legality of their marriage which essentially would come in the domain of the concerned Matrimonial Courts. Further, they would not be entitled for

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9. Pending application(s), if any, is/are disposed of.

(MANDEEP PANNU)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/non-speaking : Yes/No
Whether reportable : Yes/No