



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

CRWP-3270-2026

Date of decision: 20.03.2026

EKTA AND ANOTHER

...PETITIONERS

V/S

STATE OF PUNJAB AND OTHERS

...RESPONDENTS

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SUBHAS MEHLA

Present: Mr. Rajinder Yadav, Advocate for
Mr. H.S. Rakhra, Advocate
for the petitioners.

Mr. Sandeep Kumar, DAG, Punjab.

SUBHAS MEHLA, J. (ORAL)

1. The prayer in the instant criminal writ petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India is for the issuance of a writ in the nature of mandamus directing official respondent(s) to protect the life and liberty of the petitioners at the hands of private respondent(s) and to restrain them from interfering in peaceful life and liberty of the petitioners.

2. Notice of motion.

3. Mr. Sandeep Kumar, DAG, Punjab, who is present in the Court, accepted notice on behalf of respondent-State and submitted that the competent authorities will take appropriate action on the representation (Annexure P-5) in accordance with law.

4. In this regard, this Court has already given the directions in '**Asha and another vs. State of Haryana and others**', 2012 SCC Online P&H 12746



and in compliance of the same, the State Government had taken steps to protect the life and liberty of run away couple.

5. Apart from that the State of Punjab vide notification dated 23.01.2025 also notified the SOPs for the protection of life and liberty of the petitioners in similar situations, in compliance of the ***Criminal Writ Petition No.12562 of 2023*** titled as ***“Kajal Vs. State of Haryana and others”***.

6. In light of above directions, the present petition is disposed of with a direction to respondent No.2-Commissioner of Police, Ludhiana to consider and to take necessary action on the representation dated 19.03.2026 (Annexure P-5) in accordance with law.

7. Disposed of.

March 20, 2026
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(SUBHAS MEHLA)
JUDGE

(i)	Whether speaking/reasoned	Yes/No
(ii)	Whether reportable	Yes/No