



In the High Court of Punjab and Haryana, at Chandigarh

Criminal Writ Petition No. 3327 of 2026

Date of Decision: 23.03.2026

Stephen and Another

... Petitioner(s)

Versus

State of Punjab and Others

... Respondent(s)

CORAM: Hon'ble Mr. Justice Surya Partap Singh.

Present: Mr. Hardeep Singh Brar, Advocate
for the petitioner(s).

Mr. I.P.S.Sabharwal, Deputy Advocate General,
Punjab.

Surya Partap Singh, J.

1. The instant petition has been filed by the petitioners for directions to the respondent(s) No. 1 to 3 to protect their life and liberty from the respondent(s) No. 4 to 7.

2. The learned counsel representing the petitioners submits that the petitioners have filed a representation dated 20.03.2026 (Annexure P6) before the respondent(s) No.2. The learned counsel prays for directions to the respondent(s) No.2 to decide the above-mentioned representation within a stipulated time.

3. **Notice of motion** to respondent(s) No.1 to 3 only.

4. Since advance notice has already been served upon the State, Mr. I.P.S.Sabharwal, Deputy Advocate General, Punjab accepts notice on behalf of respondent(s) No.1 to 3. Hence, service of notice upon

respondent(s) No.1 to 3 is hereby dispensed with.

5. Learned counsel for the petitioners submits that a direction for disposing of the representation of the petitioners (Annexure P6) be given to the respondent(s) No.2 and that the instant writ petition be disposed of accordingly.

6. Keeping in view the aforesaid facts, the present writ petition is hereby disposed of with a direction to the respondent(s) No.2 to decide the representation of the petitioners (Annexure P6) by passing a speaking order within a period of 15 days from the date of receipt of copy of instant order. It is further directed that the petitioners shall be provided requisite safety and security to protect their life and liberty, if required. It is however clarified that any observation is not being made by this Court with regard to threat perception to the petitioners or the validity of their marriage. The police authority of concerned District shall be at liberty to make an independent assessment of the threat perception to the petitioners, and take a decision on the issue of providing adequate security to them.

(Surya Partap Singh)
Judge

March 23, 2026

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Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes/No

Whether reportable : Yes/No