

2026:PHHC:053228



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

**CRWP-3423-2026**

**Date of decision :07.04.2026**

**SUNITA GURJAR AND ANOTHER**

**... Petitioners**

**Versus**

**STATE OF PUNJAB AND OTHERS**

**...Respondents**

**CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE JASJIT SINGH BEDI**

Present: Ms. Rashmeen Randhawa, Advocate with  
Mr. Sandeep Kumar, Advocate for the petitioners.

Mr. M.S. Toor, A.A.G., Punjab.

Mr. Rajbir Singh, Advocate for respondent No.6.

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**JASJIT SINGH BEDI, J. (ORAL)**

The prayer in the Criminal Writ Petition under Articles 226 of the Constitution of India is for issuance of writ in the nature of mandamus directing official respondent Nos.2 to 5 to protect the life and liberty of the petitioners at the instance of respondent Nos.6 and 13.

2. The learned counsel for the petitioners contends that though the petitioner No.1 is a minor, she intends to marry her friend petitioner No.2 when she turns of the age of 18 years. The private respondents who happened to be her family members intend to get her married to a third person. Therefore, the petitioners be provided protection and shelter.

3. The learned State counsel on instructions submits that petitioner No.1 who is of the age of 18 years is currently confined at Gandhi Vanita Ashram, Jalandhar. So far as, the petitioner No.2 is concerned, in case he approaches the Investigating Agency within a period of 07 days, his threat perception will be assessed and he shall be provided security, if so required.

4. Mr. Rajbir Singh, Advocate has put in appearance on behalf of respondent No.6 (father of petitioner No.1) and has filed his Vakalatnama. The same is taken on record. He contends that an FIR No.0032 dated 07.03.2026 U/s 137(2) of BNS, 2023 at Police Station Gokulpura, District Sikar, Rajasthan stands registered against unknown persons for the kidnapping of petitioner No.1. Therefore, the present petition is liable to be dismissed.

5. Heard.

6. In view of the rival contentions of all the parties, the present petition is disposed of with the directions that petitioner No.1 shall continue to reside at Gandhi Vanita Ashram, Jalandhar till she turns 18 years of age after which she is free to leave the said Ashram and reside with/marry the person of her choice.

7. In the meantime, petitioner No.1 is required to take any examinations, the staff of the Home shall facilitate the same in conjunction with the Local SHO.

8. As regards the petitioner No.2, in case he feels threaten, he is at liberty to move an application before the concerned SHO within a period of 07 days and who shall be provided security, if so required on an assessment being carried out by the concerned SHO.

9. Needless to say, this Court made no comments on the FIR got registered by respondent No.6 against unknown persons for the kidnapping of his daughter namely, Sunita Gurjar (petitioner No.1).

**(JASJIT SINGH BEDI)**  
**JUDGE**

**07.04.2026**  
JITESH

**Whether speaking/reasoned:- Yes/No**  
**Whether reportable:- Yes/No**