



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

**CRWP-3717-2026(O&M)
Date of Decision :02.04.2026**

Nukshimongla and Another

....Petitioners

VERSUS

State of Punjab and Others

....Respondents

CORAM : HON'BLE MS. JUSTICE MANDEEP PANNU

Present: Ms. Jigyasa Kharbanda, Advocate for the petitioners.

Mr. Hardeep Singh Wadhwa, DAG, Punjab

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, who have married each other against the wishes of the private respondents, who are none other than the family members of the petitioners.

2. On 01.04.2026, noticing the fact that petitioner No.1 is a resident of Nagaland whereas petitioner No.2 is a resident of Afghanistan, this Court directed State counsel to verify the credentials of both the petitioners. Today, in compliance thereof, learned State counsel submits that petitioner No.2, although having Afghanistan passport, has earlier studied in Patiala and at present residing in



Patiala, whereas petitioner No.1 is a resident of Nagaland. He further submits that after their marriage, both the petitioners are residing in Patiala.

3. Learned counsel for the petitioners submits that petitioners have submitted a representation dated 13.03.2026 (Annexure P-6) to seek protection of their life and liberty to the Senior Superintendent of Police, Patiala, but are still apprehensive about their security in view of the apparent inaction and alleged clout of their family members-respondents.

4. Notice of motion.

5. On the asking of the Court, Mr. Hardeep Singh Wadhwa, DAG, Punjab, 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.

6. 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-4) and Marriage Photographs (Annexure P-5) have been placed on record.

7. Thus, the Senior Superintendent of Police, District Patiala is directed to consider the representation dated 13.03.2026 (Annexure P-6) qua threat perception and take appropriate steps to ensure that no harm is caused to the life and liberty of the petitioners.

8. It is nevertheless clarified that this order is issued only on the premise that the petitioners have crossed the age of majority as



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seen from the documents placed on record as Annexures P-1 and P-2 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 any protection against their arrest or continuance of any criminal proceedings, if otherwise, found to be involved in commission of any cognizable offence(s).

- 9. The petition is disposed of with the above direction.
- 10. Pending application(s), if any, is/are disposed of.

April 02, 2026
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(MANDEEP PANNU)
JUDGE

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