

IN THE PUNJAB AND HARYANA HIGH COURT AT
CHANDIGARH.

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2026:PHHC:058799



CRWP-4452-2026 (O&M).
Date of Decision: 20.04.2026.

RADHIKA MALHOTRA AND ANOTHER

... Petitioner(s)

Versus

STATE OF PUNJAB AND OTHERS

... Respondent(s)

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE VINOD S. BHARDWAJ.

Present: Mr. Virender Singh, Advocate,
for the petitioners.

VINOD S. BHARDWAJ, J. (ORAL)

The petitioners namely Radhika Malhotra and Nishant have approached this Court under Article 226 of the Constitution of India for seeking protection of their lives and personal liberty from private respondents No.4 to 6.

The contention of the petitioners is that both are major, aged 25 and 29 years respectively and they have performed marriage against the wishes of their parents. In support thereof, copy of the Aadhaar Cards pertaining to the petitioners have been appended. The marriage of the

petitioners was solemnized on 15.04.2026. A copy of Marriage Certificate (Annexure P-3) has also been appended. The petitioners apprehend threat to their lives and claim that there is a constant danger of them being implicated in a false case.

Learned counsel for the petitioners states that a representation dated 15.04.2026 (Annexure P-5) has also been submitted by the petitioners to the respondent No.2-the Commissioner of Police, District Jalandhar, Punjab, and he confines his prayer that the representation may be examined.

Notice of motion restricted to respondents No.1 to 3 only.

Pursuant to supply of advance copy, Mr. Mohit Kapoor, Sr. DAG, Punjab, who is present in the Court, accepts notice on behalf of respondents No.1 to 3. He submits that he has no objection if appropriate direction for providing requisite protection to the petitioners is given.

Having heard the counsel for the parties, the present petition is being disposed of without examining the question of legality and validity of the marriage and expressing any opinion thereon with a direction to the respondent No.3-Station House Officer, Police Station Division No.5, District Jalandhar, Punjab, to look into the grievances of the petitioners as set out in the petition and also expressed in the representation dated 15.04.2026 (Annexure P-5) and take appropriate action for protection of their lives and liberty as may be warranted by the circumstances.

However, it is clarified that in case any criminal case has been/is registered against the petitioners, nothing in this order shall be construed as

a bar for taking appropriate action by the police authorities in respect thereof in accordance with law.

The Registry is directed to send a copy of this order along with copy of the petition and above-said representation to respondent No.3- Station House Officer, Police Station Division No.5, District Jalandhar, Punjab, for requisite compliance.

The petition is disposed of.

April 20, 2026.
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(VINOD S. BHARDWAJ)
JUDGE

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