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IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB & HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

CRWP-4415-2026
Date of decision: 17.04.2026

Sonali and another

....Petitioners

Versus

State of Punjab and others

....Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SANJAY VASHISTH

Present: Mr. Lalit Attri, Advocate
for the petitioners.

Mr. Jasdeep Singh Gill, Addl. A.G. Punjab

SANJAY VASHISTH, J (ORAL)

1. Prayer in the instant petition, filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India, is for issuance of direction to the official respondents to provide protection of lives and liberty to the petitioners, who have married against the wishes of the private respondents.

The details, relevant for decision of the present petition, are tabulated as under:-

	Petitioner No. 1	Petitioner No. 2
Name(s)	Sonali	Sukhwinder Singh Minhas
Age (in years)	22 ½ years	26 years
Date of marriage	16.04.2026	
Rite	Hindu	
Represented on	16.04.2026 (Annexure P-5)	
Submitted to	Senior Superintendent of Police, Hoshiarpur	
Family members arrayed as	Respondent Nos.4 to 7	

2. Learned counsel for the petitioners submits that the petitioners have

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solemnized marriage against the wishes of their family members, who are threatening and interfering in the matrimonial life of the petitioners. It is the first marriage of both the petitioners. Hence, the petitioners are seeking protection in that regard and have approached this Court by way of filing the instant petition. They have also submitted a representation dated 16.04.2026 (Annexure P-5), to respondent No.2 – Senior Superintendent of Police, Hoshiarpur, District Hoshiarpur, wherein, they have expressed their apprehension.

3. Notice of motion to the official respondents only.

4. On asking of the Court, learned State counsel accepts notice on behalf of the respondent – State. Let requisite copies of the complete paper book be supplied to learned State counsel during course of the day.

5. In view of the above, the present petition is disposed of with a direction to respondent No.2 – Senior Superintendent of Police, Hoshiarpur, District Hoshiarpur to look into the representation dated 16.04.2026 (Annexure P-5), *qua* threat perception, and if there is any substance in it, take necessary steps, in accordance with law, to ensure that the lives and liberty of the petitioners are not jeopardized at the hands of the private respondents.

6. However, this direction will not validate the marriage said to have taken place between the parties and will have no effect on any civil or criminal action, which could be initiated in the matter in accordance with law.

17.04.2026

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(SANJAY VASHISTH)
JUDGE

1. Whether speaking/ reasoned: Yes /No
2. Whether reportable : Yes /No