



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

CRWP-4903-2026

Date of Decision: 28.04.2026

PREETI DEVI AND ANR

.....PETITIONERS

VERSUS

STATE OF PUNJAB AND ORS

....RESPONDENTS

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE H.S.GREWAL

Present: Mr. J.S.Sekhon, Advocate for the petitioners.

H.S. GREWAL, J. (ORAL)

1. This Criminal Writ Petition under Article 226/227 for issuance of writ in the nature of mandamus for directing the respondents Nos. 1 to 3, to protect the life and liberty of the petitioners from the hands of respondents No. 4 to 11 and also for not harassing the petitioners on account of any false criminal complaint, if lodged by the respondent No. 4 to 11 (family members of Petitioner No. 1) or any of their relatives.

2. Learned counsel for the petitioners submits that both the petitioners being major, got married against the wishes of private respondents. Ever since then, the petitioners are being threatened with dire consequences by the private respondents. Resultantly, a representation dated 27.04.2026 (Annexure P-7) was also made to respondent No.2-Senior Superintendent of Hoshiarpur, Punjab wherein a mention has been made about the alleged threat perception. Learned counsel submits that despite the official respondents having been communicated about the



alleged threat perception, no steps have been taken to come to the rescue of the petitioners. Learned counsel submits that he would be satisfied if directions are issued to respondent No.2- Senior Superintendent of Hoshiarpur, Punjab to look into their representation representation dated dated 27.04.2026 (Annexure P-7) and take appropriate steps at the earliest.

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

4. At the asking of the Court, Mr. P.S.Pandher, Asst. A.G.Punjab accepts notice on behalf of respondents No. 1 to 3.

5. Keeping in view the mandate of Supreme Court in the case of **“Lata Singh V. State of U.P. and another”, JT 2006 (6) SC 173**, the present petition is disposed of with a direction to respondent No.2- Senior Superintendent of Hoshiarpur, Punjab to look into the matter and take appropriate action in accordance with law to ensure that no harm is caused to the life and liberty of the petitioners at the hands of private respondents.

6. It is clarified that this order shall not be treated as a stamp of this Court about the marriage of the parties and no opinion with regard to the validity of the marriage has been expressed in this order.

28.04.2026

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(H.S.GREWAL)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/ reasoned :
Whether Reportable :

Yes/No
Yes/No