



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

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**CRWP-5076-2026
Date of decision: 30.04.2026**

MONIKA GHARU AND ANOTHERPetitioners

VERSUS

STATE OF PUNJAB AND OTHERSRespondents

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

Present: - Mr. Vedant Setia, Advocate
for the petitioners.

Dr. (Ms.) Savi Nagpal, Asst. A.G. Punjab.

VINOD S. BHARDWAJ, J. (Oral)

1. The petitioners namely Monika Gharu and Ekamveer Singh 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 10.

2. The contention of the petitioners is that both are major, aged 19 years and 21 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 29.04.2026 at Gurudwara Dashmesh Pita

Patshahi Dasvi (Regd.), Village Singa Devi, Tehsil Kharar, District Mohali,

as per Sikhs rites and rituals. A copy of Marriage Certificate (Annexure P-3) issued by the aforesaid authority 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.

3. Learned counsel for the petitioners states that a representation dated 29.04.2026 (Annexure P-5) has also been submitted by the petitioners to the respondent No.2-Senior Superintendent of Police, Moga and he confines his prayer that the representation may be examined.

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

5. Pursuant to supply of advance copy, Dr. (Ms.) Savi Nagpal, Asst. A.G. Punjab has appeared and accepted 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.

6. 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 respondent No.3- Station House Officer, Police Station Smalsar, District Moga to look into the grievances of the petitioners as set out in the petition and also expressed in the representation dated 29.04.2026 (Annexure P-5) and take appropriate action for protection of their lives and liberty as may be warranted by the circumstances.

7. 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.

8. 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 Smalsar, District Moga for requisite
compliance.

APRIL 30, 2026
Vishal Sharma

(VINOD S. BHARDWAJ)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes/No
Whether Reportable : Yes/No