



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

CRWP-5940-2026

Date of decision : 19.05.2026

Vaishnavi and another

.....Petitioners

versus

State of Punjab and others

..... Respondents

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE RAJESH BHARDWAJ

Present :- Mr. Harpreet S. Rakhra, Advocate
for the petitioners.

RAJESH BHARDWAJ, J. (Oral)

1. Prayer in this petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India is for directing respondents No.2 and 3 to protect the life and liberty of the petitioners as they apprehend danger at the hands of private respondents No.6.
2. Learned counsel for the petitioners states that both the petitioners are major, however, petitioner No.2 is not of marriageable age. However, they have performed the marriage as per Sikh Right & Ceremonies and against the wishes of respondent No.6 and have sought protection to their life and liberty. They apprehend danger from respondent No.6. Their photographs and marriage certificate evidencing their marriage are on record as Annexures P-3 and P-4. Learned counsel for the petitioners states that petitioners have filed representation dated 18.05.2026 (Annexure P-5) before respondent No.2 for the redressal of their claim and the same has not yet been decided.
3. Notice of motion.



4. On asking of the Court, Mr. Ekompal Sagoo, AAG, Punjab accepts notice on behalf of the respondents-State.

5. Without entering upon an exercise to evaluate the evidentiary value of the documents placed on the file, I dispose of the petition with a direction to respondent No.2-Superintendent of Police, Bathinda, District Bathinda to decide the representation dated 18.05.2026 (Annexure P-5) of the petitioners and grant them protection, if any threat to their life and liberty is perceived. It is clarified that this order shall not be taken to grant immunity to the petitioners from legal action for violation of law, if any, committed by them. This order would not be understood having expressed any opinion whatsoever by this Court on the validity of the marriage of the petitioners.

6. Disposed of.

19.05.2026
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(**RAJESH BHARDWAJ**)
JUDGE

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