



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

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CRWP-7026-2026

Date of Decision: 15.06.2026

NITIKA RANI AND ANOTHER

...Petitioners

Versus

STATE OF PUNJAB AND OTHERS

...Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE JAGMOHAN BANSAL

Present:- Mr. Gurbir Singh Sidhu, Advocate for petitioners

Mr. Arun Jindal, Additional Advocate General, Punjab

JAGMOHAN BANSAL, J. (ORAL)

1. The petitioners through instant petition under Articles 226/227 of the Constitution of India are seeking protection of their lives and liberty as granted by Article 21 of the Constitution of India.

2. As per petition and documents enclosed therewith i.e. Aadhaar Card, petitioner No.1-Nitika Rani is more than 24 years old and petitioner No. 2-Satish Kumar is about 22 years old. The petitioners are major and got married on 08.06.2026. In support of their contention, the petitioners have enclosed marriage certificate dated 08.06.2026 (Annexure P-4) issued by Prachin Shree Pashupatinath Shiv Mandir, M.D.C. Sector 6, Panchkula, Haryana.

3. The petitioners have made a representation dated 08.06.2026. to Senior Superintendent of Police, Mansa Punjab seeking protection of their



life and liberty. They have no apprehension of causing any injury on the part of the police or other Government authorities whereas they are claiming that there is apprehension that their relatives may cause injury and put their lives to endanger.

4. While dealing with interference in conjugal life, the Apex Court in ***“Lata Singh Vs. State of U.P.”***, (2006) 5 SCC 475 has held:-

“The caste system is a curse on the nation and the sooner it is destroyed the better. In fact, it is dividing the nation at a time when we have to be united to face the challenges before the nation unitedly. Hence, inter-caste marriages are in fact in the national interest as they will result in destroying the caste system. However, disturbing news are coming from several parts of the country that young men and women who undergo inter-caste marriage, are threatened with violence, or violence is actually committed on them. In our opinion, such acts of violence or threats or harassment are wholly illegal and those who commit them must be severely punished. This is a free and democratic country, and once a person becomes a major he or she can marry whosoever he/she likes. If the parents of the boy or girl do not approve of such inter-caste or inter- religious marriage the maximum they can do is that they can cut off social relations with the son or the daughter, but they cannot give threats or commit or instigate acts of violence and cannot harass the person who undergoes such inter-caste or interreligious marriage. We, therefore, direct that the administration/police authorities throughout the country will see to it that if any boy or girl who is a major undergoes inter-caste or interreligious marriage with a woman or man who is a major, the couple are not harassed by any one nor subjected to threats or acts of violence, and any one who gives such threats or harasses or commits acts of violence either himself or at his instigation, is taken to task by instituting criminal



proceedings by the police against such persons and further stern action is taken against such persons as provided by law”.

5. In terms of the Hon'ble Supreme Court observations, the official respondents are directed to examine the representation of the petitioners and ensure protection while appreciating the fact that there is threat to their lives. This order shall not validate the marriage of the couple in any manner.

6. Disposed of.

7. Pending Misc. application(s), if any, shall stand disposed of.

(JAGMOHAN BANSAL)
JUDGE

15.06.2026
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Whether speaking/reasoned	Yes/No
Whether reportable	Yes/No