



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

**CRWP No.5817 of 2025
Date of Decision: 28.05.2025**

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..... Petitioners

Versus

State of Punjab and others

..... Respondents

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE RAJESH BHARDWAJ

Present: Mr. Varinder Basa, Advocate
for the petitioners.

RAJESH BHARDWAJ, J. (ORAL)

1. Present petition has been filed praying for directing respondents No.2 and 3 to protect the lives and personal liberty of the petitioners and also directing respondents No.4 to 9 not to interfere in the personal lives and liberty of the petitioners. Further prayer has been made for directing respondents No.2 & 3 not to allow/let respondents No.4 to 9 or anybody else to interfere with the liberty and lives of the petitioners or to harass them in any manner against the wishes of the petitioners or to cause any detriment to the petitioners in any manner.

2. Learned counsel for the petitioners has submitted that both the petitioners are major and have married against the wishes of respondents No.4 to 9 and have sought protection to their life and liberty. They apprehend danger from respondents No. 4 to 9. Their marriage



certificate and photographs evidencing their marriage are on record as Annexures P-3 and P-4. The petitioners have submitted a representation dated 27.05.2025 (Annexure P-5) to respondent No.2.

3. Notice of motion to official respondents No.1 to 3-State only.

4. On the asking of the Court, Mr. Tarun Aggarwal, Addl. A.G., Punjab appears and accepts notice on behalf of respondents No.1 to 3-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-the Senior Superintendent of Police, Batala, District Gurdaspur to decide the representation dated 27.05.2025 (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.

28.05.2025

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**(RAJESH BHARDWAJ)
JUDGE**

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