



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

CRWP-6705-2025

Date of decision: 25.06.2025

Anjali Devi and another

....Petitioners

Versus

State of Punjab and others

....Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE KULDEEP TIWARI

Present: Ms. Hasan Kaur, Advocate,
for the petitioners.

KULDEEP TIWARI, J. (Oral)

1. Through the instant petition, as filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India, the petitioners have sought issuance of directions upon the respondents No.2 and 3, to ensure protection of their lives and liberty at the hands of private respondents No.4 to 6, and, also to restrain the said private respondents from harassing them or interfering in their married life.

2. The learned counsel for the petitioners states that since both the petitioners have attained the minimum age, as prescribed by statute, for solemnizing marriage, therefore, they have lawfully solemnized their first marriage, however, it has caused grievance to the private respondents concerned. Such grievance of the private respondents concerned has made them apprehensive of danger to their lives and liberty and resultantly, it has constrained them to approach this Court, to seek protection of their lives and liberty.



3. Learned counsel for the petitioners submits that petitioner No.1 is of 21 years and petitioner No.2 is of 23 years of age. To substantiate her submission, she has placed reliance on Aadhaar Cards of both the petitioners, which are annexed as Annexures P-1 and P-2, respectively, with the instant criminal writ petition. The marriage certificate and photographs evidencing marriage of the petitioners are available on record as Annexures P-3 and P-4, respectively. They have also submitted a representation dated 20.06.2025 (Annexure P-5) to the Senior Superintendent of Police, Mohali, Punjab-respondent No.2.

4. This Court has put a specific query to learned counsel for the petitioners, whether, both the petitioners are major and whether, it is their first marriage, to which, she answered in affirmative.

5. Notice of motion to the official respondents only.

6. On the asking of the Court, Mr. Sahil R. Bakshi, learned Assistant Advocate General, Punjab, accepts notice on behalf of the official respondents.

7. Without entering upon an exercise to evaluate the evidentiary value of the documents placed on the file, the instant petition is disposed of with a direction to respondent No.2-Senior Superintendent of Police, District Mohali, Punjab, to decide the representation (Annexure P-5) of the petitioners and grant them protection, if any threat to their lives and liberty is perceived.

8. 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 shall not be understood to have



expressed any opinion whatsoever, by this Court on the validity of the marriage of the petitioners.

9. Petition stands **disposed** of accordingly.

(KULDEEP TIWARI)
JUDGE

25.06.2025

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