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IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

CRWP-6834-2025

Date of Decision:- 27.06.2025

DIVYA RANI & ANR.

...Petitioners

Vs.

STATE OF PUNJAB AND OTHERS

...Respondents

CORAM:- HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE AMARJOT BHATTI

Present:- Mr. Manoj R. Sharma, Advocate for petitioners.
(through V.C.)
Mr. Kunwarbir Singh, Assistant A.G., Punjab.

AMARJOT BHATTI, J.

1. Petitioners Divya Rani and Lovepreet Singh have filed present petition under Article 226 of the Constitution of India for issuance of a writ in the nature of mandamus directing respondent Nos.2 and 3 to protect their life and liberty from the hands of respondents No.4 and 5.
2. It is submitted that both petitioners are major. Date of birth of petitioner No.1 is 01.02.2006. Copy of her Aadhar card is Annexure P-1. Date of birth of petitioner No.2 is 02.12.2002. Copy of his Aadhar card is Annexure P-2. They had performed marriage on 23.06.2025. Copy of their marriage certificate along with marriage photographs are Annexure P-3. Petitioners also moved representation to SSP, Gurdaspur which is Annexure P-4. Petitioners had performed marriage without the consent and wishes of cousins of petitioner No.1, from whom, petitioners are receiving threats.

3. Notice of motion to official respondents.
4. On advance notice Mr. Kunwarbir Singh, Assistant A.G., Punjab appears and accepts notice on behalf of State.
5. Considering nature of litigation, no purpose would be served by serving notice to private respondents.
6. I have considered facts narrated in the petition, according to which both petitioners are major and they have performed marriage against the wishes of cousins of petitioner No.1, as a result they are apprehending threats from the hands of respondent Nos.4 and 5. It is duty of police to protect life and liberty of petitioners. Therefore, respondent Nos.2 and 3 are directed to consider the representation of petitioners dated 24.06.2025 (Annexure P-4) and protect life and liberty of petitioners from the hands of respondent Nos.4 and 5, considering threat perception, with further direction to maintain their privacy and dignity.
7. Aforesaid protection order will have no bearing on the legality and validity of marriage and it will not protect them in case there is any violation of law or pending legal proceedings.
8. Petition is accordingly disposed of.
9. Pending miscellaneous application(s), if any, stand disposed of accordingly as well.

(AMARJOT BHATTI)
JUDGE

27.06.2025
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Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes/No.
Whether reportable : Yes/No