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

CRWP No.4833 of 2021

Date of decision: June 18, 2021

Khushboo and another

.....Petitioners

Versus

State of Punjab and others

.....Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE MAHABIR SINGH SINDHU

Present: Mr. Sarvesh Kumar Gupta, Advocate for the petitioners.

Mr. Mehardeep Singh, Additional AG Punjab.

MAHABIR SINGH SINDHU, J

Present criminal writ petition under Article 226 of the Constitution of India for issuance of a writ in the nature of Mandamus for directing respondents No.1 to 3 to protect the life and liberty of the petitioners from the hands of respondents No.4 & 5.

Status report by way of affidavit dated 04/10.06.2021 of Jaspreet Singh, PPS, Assistant Commissioner of Police, East, Amritsar has been filed and the same is taken on record.

Registry to tag the same at appropriate place.

It is contended on behalf of the petitioners that both the petitioners solemnized their marriage on 24.05.2021 against the wishes of their parents and have also attained the age of majority.

Learned State counsel is not seriously averse against the protection to be granted in favour of the petitioners.

Therefore, the present petition is disposed off, with a

direction to respondent No.3-Station House Officer, Police Station Verka, District Amritsar to protect the life and liberty of the petitioners, as per law.

However, it is made clear that this order may not be construed as expression of an opinion on legality and validity of the marriage of the petitioners.

In case any criminal case is pending against petitioner No.2, this order shall not be any hindrance to the Investigating Officer to proceed according to law.

(MAHABIR SINGH SINDHU)
JUDGE

June 18, 2021

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Whether speaking/ reasoned: Yes/No

Whether Reportable: Yes/No