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IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

CRWP-3314-2022

Date of Decision: April 11, 2022

Sunny and another

.....Petitioners

Versus

State of Punjab and others

.....Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE RAJESH BHARDWAJ

Present: Mr.Sahil Parmar, Advocate
for the petitioners.

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RAJESH BHARDWAJ, J.(ORAL)

Present petition has been filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India praying for issuance of a writ in the nature of mandamus directing respondents no.2 to 4 to protect the life and liberty of the petitioners with a further direction to respondent Nos.3 and 4 not to interfere and not let respondent Nos.5 to 7 or anybody else to interfere with the life and liberty of the petitioners or harass them in any manner against their wishes.

Learned counsel for the petitioners states that both the petitioners are major and have married against the wishes of respondents no.5 to 7 and have sought protection to their life and liberty. They apprehend danger from respondents nos.5 to 7. Their marriage photographs and marriage certificate evidencing their marriage are on record as Annexures P-3 and P-4, respectively. Petitioners have submitted a representation dated 08.04.2022 (Annexure P-5) to respondent no.2.

Notice of motion to respondents no.1 to 4-State only.

On the asking of the Court, Ms.Sakshi Bakshi, AAG, Punjab, accepts notice on behalf of the State.

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- Commissioner of Police, Ludhiana, to decide the representation (Annexure P-5) of the petitioners and grant them protection, if any threat to their life and liberty is perceived. It is made clear that this order shall not be taken to protect the petitioners from legal action for violation of any law, if 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.

Disposed of.

April 11, 2022
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(RAJESH BHARDWAJ)
JUDGE

1. Whether speaking/reasoned ?
2. Whether reportable ?

Yes/No
Yes/No