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IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

CRWP-159-2023

Date of Decision: January 09,2023

Bhawna and another

.....Petitioners

Versus

State of Punjab and others

.....Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE RAJESH BHARDWAJ

Present: Mr.Vrishank Suri, Advocate for
Mr.H.S.Mann, Advocate
for the petitioners.

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RAJESH BHARDWAJ, J.(ORAL)

Present petition has been filed under Articles 226/227 of the Constitution of India for issuance of a writ in the nature of mandamus directing respondents no.2 and 3 to protect the life and liberty of the petitioners from the hands of respondents no.4 to 7.

Learned counsel for the petitioners states that both the petitioners are major and have married against the wishes of respondents no.4 to 7 and have sought protection to their life and liberty. They apprehend danger from respondents no.4 to 7. Their marriage certificate and photographs evidencing their marriage are on record as Annexures P-3 and P-4 respectively. The petitioners have submitted a representation dated 04.01.2023 (Annexure P-5) to respondent no.2.

Notice of motion to respondents no.1 to 3-State only.

On the asking of the Court, Mr. P.S.Grewal, DAG, Punjab, who is present in Court, 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-Superintendent of Police, SAS Nagar, District SAS Nagar, Punjab, 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 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.

Disposed of

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(**RAJESH BHARDWAJ**)
JUDGE

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| 1. | Whether speaking/reasoned ? | Yes/No |
| 2. | Whether reportable ? | Yes/No |