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

CRWP-1453-2023

Date of Decision: February 15, 2023

Kuldeep Kaur and another

.....Petitioners

Versus

State of Punjab and others

.....Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE RAJESH BHARDWAJ

Present: Mr.Brahmeet Singh, 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 for issuance of a writ in the nature of mandamus directing respondents No.1 to 3 to protect the life and liberty of the petitioners from the hands of respondents No.4 to 12 as they have performed their marriage with their own will and consent.

Learned counsel for the petitioners states that both the petitioners are major and have married against the wishes of respondents no.4 to 12 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 11.02.2023 (Annexure P-5) to respondent no.2.

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

On asking of the Court, Mr.Sandeep Kumar, DAG, Punjab, who

is present in Court, accepts notice on behalf of respondents/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-Senior Superintendent of Police, Tarn Taran, District Tarn Taran, 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 marriage of the petitioners.

Disposed of.

February 15, 2023
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(RAJESH BHARDWAJ)
JUDGE

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