

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

CRWP-1839-2023

Date of Decision: 27.02.2023

Ritu Bala and another

..... Petitioners

Versus

State of Punjab and others

.....Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE RAJESH BHARDWAJ

Present: Mr. S.K. Liberhan, Advocate, for the petitioners.

Rajesh Bhardwaj, J. (ORAL)

The present petition has been filed under Article 226 of Constitution of India for issuance of direction to respondents No.1 to 4 not to harass both the petitioners at the behest of respondents No.5 to 8 or their relatives/friends or anybody else, to interfere with their liberty and lives in any manner.

Learned counsel for the petitioners states that both the petitioners are major and have married against the wishes of respondents no.5 to 8 and have sought protection to their life and liberty. They apprehend danger from respondents no.5 to 8. Their marriage photographs and marriage certificate evidencing their marriage is on record as Annexure P-5 and P-6. The petitioners have submitted a representation dated 20.02.2023 (Annexure P-7) to respondent no.2.

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

Mr. Sandeep Kumar, Deputy Advocate General, 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-Senior Superintendent of Police, Jalandhar, to

decide the representation (Annexure P-7) 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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Whether Speaking/Reasoned
Whether Reportable

(RAJESH BHARDWAJ)
JUDGE

: Yes/No
: Yes/No