

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

CRWP-2621-2023

Date of decision : 17.03.2023

Akash Bhatti and another

.....Petitioners

versus

State of Punjab and others

..... Respondents

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE RAJESH BHARDWAJ

Present :- Mr. Ranjeet Singh Chauhan, Advocate
for the petitioners.

RAJESH BHARDWAJ, J. (Oral)

Present petition has been filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India for directing respondents No.2 to 4 to protect the life and liberty of the petitioners endangered at the hands of private respondents No.5 to 15 at the time of registering the same under The Special Marriage Act, 1954, who are against the inter religion marriage of the petitioners.

Learned counsel for the petitioners states that both the petitioners are major and wanted to marry each other against the wishes of respondents No.5 to 15 and have sought protection to their life and liberty. They apprehend danger from respondents No.5 to 15. The petitioners have submitted a representation dated 02.03.2023 (Annexure P-3) to respondent No.3.

Notice of motion to respondents No.1 to 5-State only.

On the asking of the Court, Mr. Karunesh Kaushal, 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.3-Senior Superintendent of Police, Ferozepur to decide the representation (Annexure P-3) 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 relationship of the petitioners.

Disposed of.

17.03.2023
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(RAJESH BHARDWAJ)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned	:	Yes/No
Whether reportable	:	Yes/No