

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

**CRWP-2337-2023**

Date of Decision: 14.03.2023

Ravinder Kaur and another

..... Petitioners

Versus

State of Punjab and others

.....Respondents

**CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE RAJESH BHARDWAJ**

Present: Mr. Harinderpal Singh, 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.2 and 3 to protect the life and liberty of the petitioners at the hands of respondent No.4 as enshrined under Article 21 of the Constitution of India as the petitioners have married with each other on their own wishes and for not harassing the petitioners on any false criminal complaint, if any lodged by the private respondent or any of their relative.

Learned counsel for the petitioners states that both the petitioners are major and have married against the wishes of respondents no.4 to 8 and have sought protection to their life and liberty. They apprehend danger from respondents no.4 to 8. Their marriage certificate evidencing their marriage is on record as Annexure P-3. The petitioners have submitted a representation dated 28.02.2023 (Annexure P-6) to respondent no.2.

Notice of motion.

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-Commissioner of Police, District Ludhiana, to decide the representation (Annexure P-6) 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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| <b>14.03.2023</b> |                           |   | <b>(RAJESH BHARDWAJ)</b> |
| sharmila          |                           |   | <b>JUDGE</b>             |
|                   | Whether Speaking/Reasoned | : | Yes/No                   |
|                   | Whether Reportable        | : | Yes/No                   |