

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB & HARYANA AT
CHANDIGARH

(116)

CRWP-2516-2023

Date of Decision: 16.03.2023

Pooja Niwad & another

--Petitioners

Versus

State of Punjab & others

--Respondents

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

Present:- Ms. Mandeep Kaur, 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.1 to 3 to protect the life and liberty of the petitioners from the hands of respondents no.4 to 15.

Learned counsel for the petitioners states that both the petitioners are major and have married against the wishes of respondents no.4 to 15 and have sought protection to their life and liberty. They apprehend danger from respondents no.4 to 15. Their marriage certificate evidencing their marriage is on record as Annexures P-3. The petitioners have submitted representation dated 9.3.2023 (Annexure P-5).

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

On the asking of the Court, Mr. Sandeep Kumar, D.A.G., 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- Superintendent of Police, District Bathinda to decide the representation at Annexures P-5 of the petitioners and grant them protection, if any threat to their life and liberty is perceived. It is made

clear that this order shall not be taken to protect 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.

(RAJESH BHARDWAJ)
JUDGE

16.03.2023

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Whether speaking/reasoned:	Yes/No
Whether Reportable:	Yes/No