

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

CRWP-3701-2023

Date of Decision: 19.04.2023

Baksho and another

..... Petitioners

Versus

The State of Punjab and others

.....Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE RAJESH BHARDWAJ

Present: Mr. Madan Sandhu, Advocate, for the petitioners.

Rajesh Bhardwaj, J. (ORAL)

The present petition has been filed under Article 227 of Constitution of India for issuance of direction to respondents No.2 to 3 to protect the lives and personal liberty of the petitioners and also directing the respondents No.4 to 6 not to interfere in the personal lives and liberty of the petitioners as they have performed inter-caste marriage against the wishes of respondents no.4 to 6.

Learned counsel for the petitioners states that both the petitioners are major and have married against the wishes of respondents no.4 to 6 and have sought protection to their life and liberty. They apprehend danger from respondents no.4 to 6. Their marriage certificate as well as marriage photographs evidencing their marriage are on record as Annexures P-3 to P-5. The petitioners have submitted a representation dated 15.04.2023 (Annexure P-6) to respondent no.2.

Notice of motion to the official respondents 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, Hoshiarpur, 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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Whether Speaking/Reasoned
Whether Reportable

(RAJESH BHARDWAJ)
JUDGE

: Yes/No
: Yes/No