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IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

CRWP-5068-2023

Date of Decision: May 25, 2023

Anchal Devi and another

.....Petitioners

Versus

State of Punjab and others

.....Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE RAJESH BHARDWAJ

Present: Mr.Lakhan Paul Garg, Advocate for
Mr.Gurmeet Singh Saini, Advocate
for the petitioners.

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RAJESH BHARDWAJ, J.(ORAL)

Present petition has been filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India praying for issuance of direction to respondents no.2 and 3 to protect the life and liberty of the petitioners from the hands of respondent no.4.

Learned counsel for the petitioners states that both the petitioners are major and have married against the wishes of respondent no.4 and have sought protection to their life and liberty. They apprehend danger from respondent no.4. Their marriage certificate and photographs evidencing their marriage are on record as Annexures P-5 and P-6 respectively. The petitioners have submitted a representation dated 12.05.2023 (Annexure P-7) to respondent no.2.

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

On asking of the Court, Mr.Sandeep Kumar, DAG, Punjab, who is present in Court, accepts notice on behalf of the respondents/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-the Senior Superintendent of Police, District Sri Muktsar Sahib, 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.

May 25, 2023
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(RAJESH BHARDWAJ)
JUDGE

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| 1. Whether speaking/reasoned ? | Yes/No |
| 2. Whether reportable ? | Yes/No |