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IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT
CHANDIGARH

(125)

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Date of Decision:-27.07.2023

Shivani and another

.....Petitioners

Versus

State of Punjab and others

.....Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ALOK JAIN

Present: Mr. Ashwani Nagra, Advocate for the petitioners.

ALOK JAIN, J. (Oral)

1. The present petition has been filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India for issuance of a writ in the nature of mandamus directing respondent Nos.2 & 3 to protect the life and liberty of the petitioners at the hands of respondent Nos. 4 to 11.
2. Notice of motion to respondents No.1 to 3.
3. On asking of the Court, Mr. I.P.S. Sabharwal, DAG, Punjab, who is present in the Court, accepts notice on behalf of State/respondents No.1 to 3.
4. Considering the nature of the order being passed, there is no necessity to serve the private respondents or to seek a reply from any one of the respondents.
5. In light of the above, the petition is disposed of with a direction to respondent No.2-Senior Superintendent of Police, District Patiala, to take into consideration the request of the petitioners made vide representation dated 24.07.2023 (Annexure P-5) and take necessary action,

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in accordance with law.

6. It is, however, made clear that this order shall not be construed as any stamp on the alleged marriage of the parties or any confirmation to their acts and deeds. This order shall not operate as any *alibi* or defence to any proceedings which might be pending or may arise against the petitioners. Although, the State is duty bound to protect its citizens and only with the said motive, the present order/directions have been passed.

7. It is further made clear that they are barred from lodging any complaint against each other and shall not take the filing of this petition as defence at any stage, in case, any marital discord occurs in future.

(ALOK JAIN)
JUDGE

July 27, 2023
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Whether speaking/reasoned:-	Yes/No
Whether Reportable:-	Yes/No