

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

CRWP NO. 7445 OF 2023

DATE OF DECISION : 28.07.2023

Laxmi Bai and another

...Petitioners

Versus

State of Punjab and others

...Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ARUN MONGA

Present: Petitioners in person with
Mr. Kartik Sachdeva, Advocate.

Mr. Dhruv Dayal, Addl. AG, Punjab.

ARUN MONGA, J. (ORAL)

Heard learned counsel for the parties.

Perused contents of the petition along with Annexures thereof.

Pleaded case is that both petitioners are major and it is their first marriage. Both are adults, wife 19 years old and husband about 21 years old and, thus fully capable and legally competent to take decision to choose their respective life partners. In the premise, petition is disposed of with a direction to respondents No.2 and 3 i.e. Senior Superintendent of Police, District Fazilka and Station House Officer, Police Station Sadar, District Fazilka, respectively that the contents of the representation dated 24.07.2023 (Annexure P-5) seeking protection of life and liberty be duly verified. If warranted, requisite steps be taken, in accordance with law for grant of protection of life and liberty to the petitioners. It is clarified that this order shall neither be treated as a stamp of this Court *qua* marriage of the petitioners nor any reflection on the merits of the contentions raised by them in the present petition.

Present petition stands disposed of.

Keeping in view threat perception at the hands of private respondents, as contended by learned counsel, a copy of this order be given *dasti* under the signatures of Bench Secretary of the Court.

JULY 28, 2023

Shalini

(ARUN MONGA)

JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes/No

Whether reportable : Yes/No