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

(113)

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Date of Decision:-17.08.2023

Saroj and another

.....Petitioners

Versus

State of Punjab and others

.....Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ALOK JAIN

Present: Mr. Mohan Singh Rana, 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 respondents No. 2 & 3 to protect the life and liberty of the petitioners at the hands of respondents No.4 to 7.

2. Notice of motion to respondents No.1 to 3.

3. On asking of the Court, Mr. P.S. Grewal, 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, Fazilka, Punjab, to take into consideration the request of the petitioners made vide representation dated 10.08.2023 (Annexure P-5) and take necessary action,

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in accordance with law.

6. This petition is being considered only for the purpose of protection of life and liberty of the petitioners and the filing, pendency or the orders passed by this Court in this petition shall neither be construed as any stamp of the Court *qua* the relationship/marriage of the petitioners nor shall be relied upon by any authority/Court in any proceedings initiated against them under any other provision of law.

7. This order shall not operate as an *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.

(ALOK JAIN)
JUDGE

August 17, 2023
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Whether speaking/reasoned:-	Yes/No
Whether Reportable:-	Yes/No