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

(120)

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Date of Decision:-15.09.2023

Geeta Rani and another

.....Petitioners

Versus

State of Punjab and others

.....Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ALOK JAIN

Present: Mr. Ajay Kumar Sharma, Advocate for the petitioners.

ALOK JAIN, J. (Oral)

1. The present petition has been filed under Articles 226/227 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, who got married on 06.09.2023, at the hands of respondents No. 4 to 6.

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, Pathankot District Pathankot, to take into consideration the request of the petitioners made vide representation dated 08.09.2023 (Annexure P-5) and take

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necessary action, in accordance with law, subject to payment of cost of Rs. 5000/- to be deposited by the petitioners.

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.

8. It is made clear to the petitioners that, in case, any averment made in this petition or in the representation (Annexure P-5) is found to be incorrect, the State Authorities are directed to take appropriate action, in accordance with law.

9. Thus, the payment of cost is to be deposited by petitioners jointly within one month from today in the following account:

Account Name – Punjab and Haryana High Court Bar Association Lawyer’s Family Welfare Fund.
Account No. - 41564846387
Bank Name – SBI High Court Branch.

(ALOK JAIN)
JUDGE

September 15, 2023
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Whether speaking/reasoned:-	Yes/No
Whether Reportable:-	Yes/No