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

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Date of Decision: 05.10.2023

Geeta Devi and another

..... Petitioners

Versus

State of Punjab and others

..... Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE JASGURPREET SINGH PURI

Present: Mr. Kapil Khanna, Advocate,
for the petitioners.

JASGURPREET SINGH PURI, 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.1 to 3 to protect the life and liberty of the petitioners at the hands of the private respondents.

2. Learned counsel for the petitioner has submitted that both the petitioners are major regarding which Aadhar Cards have also been attached as Annexure P-1 & P-2, respectively. He further submitted that petitioner No.1, who is a lady aged 33 years, is stated to be widow and petitioner No.2 is divorcee and both the petitioners with their own consent have married with each other regarding which, Marriage Certificate and photographs have also been attached as Annexure P-5. He submitted that now there is a threat to the life and liberty of the petitioners at the hands of respondent Nos.4 to 6, since they are not agreeing with their marriage. He further submitted that scope of

the present petition pertains only to the protection of lives of the petitioners. He also submitted that the petitioners have filed a representation to respondent No.2-Senior Superintendent of Police, Hoshiarpur vide Annexure P-6 dated 28.09.2023, but no action has been taken on the same.

3. Heard. Record perused.

4. Notice of motion to the office of Advocate General, Punjab.

5. On asking of the Court, Mr. Ramdeep Partap Singh, Sr. DAG, Punjab, who is present in Court, accepts notice on behalf of the State. Copy supplied.

6. This petition is disposed of with a direction to respondent No.3- Station House Officer, Police Station Shutrana, District Hoshiarpur that representation, if any, filed seeking protection of life and liberty, be looked into and contents thereof be duly verified and if necessary, requisite steps be taken, strictly in accordance with law for grant of protection of life and liberty to the petitioners. It is made clear that this order shall not be treated as a stamp of this Court regarding marriage of the parties.

05.10.2023

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(JASGURPREET SINGH PURI)
JUDGE

1. Whether speaking/reasoned:	Yes/No
2. Whether reportable:	Yes/No