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IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT CHANDIGARH

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Date of decision : 27.12.2023

Kanchan Rani and Anr

....Petitioners

Versus

State of Punjab and Ors

....Respondents

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE RAJESH BHARDWAJ

Present :- Mr. Kamal Narula, Advocate for the petitioners.

RAJESH BHARDWAJ, J. (ORAL)

Present petition has been filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India for directing respondents no.1 to 3 to protect the life and liberty of the petitioners from the hands of respondents no.4 to 7.

Learned counsel for the petitioners states that both the petitioners are major and have married against the wishes of respondents no.4 to 7 and have sought protection of their life and liberty. He has submitted that this is their first marriage and they apprehend danger from respondents no.4 to 7. Their marriage certificate evidencing their marriage is on record as Annexure P-3. The petitioners have submitted a representation dated 21.12.2023 (Annexure P-4) to Senior Superintendent of Police, Ferozepur-respondent no.2.

Notice of motion to official respondents no.1 to 3-State only.

On the asking of the Court, Mr. Siddharth Attri, A.A.G, Punjab, accepts notice on behalf of the official respondents.

Without entering upon an exercise to evaluate the evidentiary value of the documents placed on the file, I dispose of the petition with a direction to

Respondent no.2- Senior Superintendent of Police, Ferozepur, District Ferozepur,

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to decide the representation (Annexure P-4) of the petitioners and grant them protection, if any threat to their life and liberty is perceived. It is clarified that this order shall not be taken to grant immunity to the petitioners from legal action for violation of law, if any, committed by them. This order would not be understood having expressed any opinion whatsoever by this Court on the validity of the marriage of the petitioners.

Disposed of.

27.12.2023

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(RAJESH BHARDWAJ)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned: Yes
Whether Reportable : No