

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
CHANDIGARH

CRWP-976-2024 (O&M)
Date of Decision: 06.02.2024

...Petitioners

...Respondents

CRM-W-158-2024

For reasons mentioned in the application, the same is allowed and amended memo of parties is taken on record in compliance of the order dated 02.02.2024.

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 the official respondents to protect the life and liberty of the petitioners, who got married on 30.01.2024, at the hands of private respondents.

2. Considering the nature of the order being passed, there is no necessity to serve the private respondent(s) or to seek a reply from any one of the respondents.

3. The petition is disposed of with a direction to respondent

No.2 to take into consideration the request of the petitioners made vide representation dated 30.01.2024 (Annexure P-7) and take appropriate action, in accordance with law.

4. 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 in any proceedings initiated against them under any other provision of law.

5. 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.

6. It is made clear to the petitioners that, in case, any averment made in this petition or in the representation dated 30.01.2024 (Annexure P-7) is found to be incorrect, the State authorities are directed to take appropriate action, in accordance with law.

7. However, since, the petition is being disposed of in *limine*, therefore, copy of the complete paper book be sent through registered post to respondents No.4 & 5 as there is serious doubts with regard to their even being aware about the act and conduct of their children.

(ALOK JAIN)
JUDGE

06.02.2024
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Whether speaking/reasoned	Yes/No
Whether reportable	Yes/No