

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
CHANDIGARH

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CRWP-1022-2024
Date of Decision: 05.02.2024

HARMAN KAUR AND ANR. ...Petitioners

V/S

STATE OF PUNJAB AND OTHERS ...Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ALOK JAIN

Present: Mr. Sanjeev K. Virk, 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 or directing the official respondents to protect the life and liberty of the petitioners, who got married on 31.01.2024, at the hands of private respondents.
2. Notice of motion to the official respondents.
3. Mr. Siddharth Attri, AAG, Punjab, accepts notice on behalf of the official respondents.
4. 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.
5. However, respondent No.3 is directed to get the petitioner No.1 counselled by a professional and apprise her about the realities of life, as the age difference between petitioner No.1 and petitioner No.2 is almost 10 years.
6. In light of the above, 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 31.01.2024 (Annexure P-5)

and take appropriate action, in accordance with law.

7. 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.

8. 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.

9. It is made clear to the petitioners that, in case, any averment made in this petition or in the representation dated 31.01.2024 (Annexure P-5) is found to be incorrect, the State authorities are directed to take appropriate action, in accordance with law.

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

(ALOK JAIN)
JUDGE

05.02.2024
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Whether speaking/reasoned	Yes/No
Whether reportable	Yes/No