

CRWP-1152-2024

PALAK AND ANOTHER

.....PETITIONERS

VERSUS

STATE OF PUNJAB AND OTHERS

.....RESPONDENTS

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ALOK JAIN.

Present: Mr. S.S. Thakur, Advocate
for the petitioners.

ALOK JAIN, J (ORAL)

1. The present petition has been filed under Article(s) 226/227 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 23.01.2024 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. The petition is **disposed of** with a direction to **respondent No.2** to take into consideration the request of the petitioners made vide representations dated 23.01.2024 and 01.02.2024 (Annexure P-5) and take appropriate action, in accordance with law.
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 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 representations dated 23.01.2024 and 01.02.2024 (Annexure P-5) is found to be incorrect, the State authorities are directed to take appropriate action, in accordance with law.

9. However, since this petition is being disposed of in *limine*, therefore, copy of the complete paper book be sent through registered post to respondent Nos.4 and 5 as there is serious doubt with regard their being even aware of the act and conduct of the children.

10. It is made clear that the filing and the passing of this order is only for protection of life and liberty of the petitioners and in case the petitioners are found in violation of any law, they shall face the consequences thereof. No Court shall grant any relief on the basis of the order passed by this Court, and the same is only a direction to the State Authorities to protect the life and liberty of the petitioners.

07.02.2024

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(ALOK JAIN)
JUDGE

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