

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT
CHANDIGARH

(161)

CRWP-3073-2024
Date of Decision:-08.04.2024

Verkha Singh and Anr.
.....Petitioners

Versus

State of Punjab and Ors.
.....Respondents

CORAM: HON’BLE MR. JUSTICE ALOK JAIN

Present: Mr. Pritpal Singh Miglani, 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 in the nature of mandamus directing respondent Nos.1 and 3 to protect the life and liberty of the petitioners, who got married on 30.03.2024 at the hands of private respondents.
2. Notice of motion to respondents No.1 and 2.
3. Mr. Kuljit Singh, Additional A.G., Punjab, accepts notice and waives service.
4. Considering the nature of the order being passed, there is no necessity to serve the private respondents or to seek a reply from any one of the respondents.
5. The petition is disposed of with a direction to respondent No.2-Senior Superintendent of Police Kapurthala, District Kapurthala to

take into consideration the request of the petitioners made vide representation dated 01.04.2024 (Annexure P-5) and to 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 any *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 that the filing of this petition and any order passed herein does not approve or disapprove the relationship of the petitioners and is not a stamp by the Court *qua* their relationship, as this petition is considered only for the purpose of ensuring the protection of life and liberty of the petitioners being citizen of this country and for no other reason.

9. It is further made clear to the petitioners that, in case, any averment made in this petition or in the representation dated 01.04.2024 (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*, a copy of this petition be sent to the parents of petitioner No.1 in order to apprise them about the act and conduct of petitioner No.1.

11. It is also made clear that, in case, there is any criminal record of the petitioners, the present order shall not be an *alibi* or an impediment against the authorities to proceed in accordance with law and the above order is subject to cross verification of the credentials of the petitioners and cogent proof to be submitted by the petitioners before the authorities considering their representation.

(ALOK JAIN)
JUDGE

April 8, 2024.
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Whether speaking/reasoned:-	Yes/No
Whether Reportable:-	Yes/No