

**IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH**

CRWP-5625-2024

Date of decision : 18.06.2024

Shivani Devi and another

.....Petitioners

versus

State of Haryana and others

..... Respondents

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE RAJESH BHARDWAJ

Present :- Mr. Ram Karan Agnihotri, Advocate
for the petitioners.

RAJESH BHARDWAJ, J. (Oral)

Present petition has been filed under Article 226/227 of the Constitution of India for directing respondents No.2 and 3 to protect the life and personal liberty of the petitioners from the hands of respondents No.4 and 5 and further directing the respondents No.2 & 3 not to interfere in the peaceful married life of the petitioners at the behest of respondents No.4 & 5 and their other relatives.

Learned counsel for the petitioners states that both the petitioners are major and have married against the wishes of respondents No.4 and 5 and have sought protection to their life and liberty. They apprehend danger from respondents No.4 and 5. Their photographs and marriage certificate evidencing their marriage are on record as Annexures P-3 and P-4. The petitioners have submitted a representation dated 12.06.2024 (Annexure P-5) to respondent no.2.

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

On the asking of the Court, Mr. Vikrant Pamboo, Senior DAG, Haryana accepts notice on behalf of the State and Mr. Deepak Kumar Bartia, Advocate, accepts notice on behalf of respondent No.4.

Both the petitioners are present before this Court and the Court has interacted with them. It has been submitted by the petitioners that both are major and have married with their own consent. Petitioner No.1 has submitted that both of them want to remain with each other as the parents of both of them are against their marriage.

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-Superintendent of Police, District Karnal to decide the representation (Annexure P-5) 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.

(RAJESH BHARDWAJ)
JUDGE

18.06.2024

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