



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

CRWP-5847-2024

Date of decision : 21.06.2024

Alka Kondal and another

.....Petitioners

versus

State of Punjab and others

..... Respondents

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE RAJESH BHARDWAJ

Present :- Mr. Sukhbir Maandi, Advocate
for the petitioners.

RAJESH BHARDWAJ, J. (Oral)

Prayer in this petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India is for issuance of directions to respondents No.2 & 3 to protect the life and liberty of the petitioners which is endangered at the hands of respondents No.4 to 6 as the petitioners have married against their wishes and for not harassing the petitioners on any false criminal complaint, if lodged by the respondents No.4 to 6 or any of their relatives. Further prayer has been made for directing respondent No.2 to decide the representation dated 18.06.2024 (Annexure P-6) in a time bound manner.

Learned counsel for the petitioners states that both the petitioners are major and have married against the wishes of respondents No.4 to 6 and have sought protection to their life and liberty. They apprehend danger from respondents No.4 to 6. Their marriage certificate and photographs evidencing their marriage are on record as Annexures P-4 and P-5. The petitioners have submitted a representation dated 18.06.2024 (Annexure P-6) to respondent no.2.

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



On the asking of the Court, Mr. Rajeev Takkar, D.A.G., Punjab, accepts notice on behalf of the respondent-State.

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-Senior Superintendent of Police, Hoshiarpur, District Hoshiarpur to decide the representation dated 18.06.2024 (Annexure P-6) 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

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