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

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Date of Decision:- 12.07.2024

Neelam Rani and Anr.

....Petitioners

Vs.

State of Punjab and Ors.

...Respondents

CORAM:- HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE AMARJOT BHATTI

Present:- Mr. Rajinder Yadav, Advocate for the petitioners.

Mr. Kewal Singh, Addl. A.G., Punjab

AMARJOT BHATTI, J.

1. Neelam Rani and Anil Kumar have filed present petition under Article 226 of the Constitution of India for issuance of a writ in the nature of mandamus directing official respondents No.2 and 3 to protect life and liberty of petitioners from the hands of respondents No.4 to 7.

2. It is argued that both petitioners are major. Petitioner No.1 is aged about 24 years, copy of her aadhar card is Annexure P-1. Petitioner No.2 is aged about 23 years, copy of his aadhar card is Annexure P-2. They had performed marriage on 08.07.2024. Copy of their marriage certificate is Annexure P-3 and marriage photographs are Annexure P-4. Petitioners also moved representation to the Senior Superintendent of Police, Patiala which is Annexure P-5. Petitioners had performed marriage without consent and wishes of parents and other relatives of

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petitioner No.1. Respondents No.4 to 7 are family members of petitioner No.1 from whom, petitioners are receiving threats.

3. Notice of motion.

4. On the asking of this Court, Mr. Kewal Singh, Addl. A.G., Punjab accepts notice on behalf of the State. Complete copy of the paperbook along with supporting documents is already supplied.

5. Considering nature of litigation no purpose would be served by serving notice to private respondents.

6. I have considered the facts narrated in the petition, according to which both the petitioners are major and they have performed marriage against the wishes of their family as a result they are apprehending threats from the hands of respondents No.4 to 7. It is the duty of police to protect the life and liberty of the petitioners. Therefore, respondents No. 2 & 3 are directed to consider representation of petitioners dated 08.07.2024 (Annexure P-5) and protect life and liberty of petitioners from the hands of respondents No.4 to 7 considering threat perception, with further direction to maintain their privacy and dignity.

7. Aforesaid protection order will have no bearing on the legality and validity of marriage and it will not protect them in case there is any violation of law or pending legal proceedings.

8. Protection Petition is disposed of accordingly.

(AMARJOT BHATTI)
JUDGE

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