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

CRWP-6500-2024

Date of decision: 12.07.2024

Reetu and Others

.... Petitioners

Versus

State of Punjab and Others

.... Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE GURBIR SINGH

Present: Mr. Arun Rana, Advocate, for the petitioners.

Ms. Manjot Kaur, AAG, Punjab.

GURBIR SINGH, J. (Oral)

1. The present petition has been filed *inter alia* with a prayer for issuance of directions to respondents Nos. 2 & 3 to protect life and liberty of the petitioners at the hands of private respondents Nos. 4 to 8 and not to interfere in their personal lives.

2. It has been averred that the date of birth of petitioner No.1 is 15.01.2004 while date of birth of petitioner No.2 is 09.10.1999. Copies of Aadhar Cards of petitioner Nos.1 & 2 to this effect are attached as Annexures 1 & 2, respectively.

3. It has been submitted that the marriage/Anand Karaj of the petitioners was solemnized on 08.07.2024. The marriage certificate is attached as Annexure P-3. Private respondents Nos. 4 to 8 had opposed to their marriage, as the petitioners had performed the marriage without their

consent. Petitioner No.1-Reetu has submitted a representation dated 09.07.2024 (Annexure P-4) to respondent No.2-Superintendent of Police, Hoshiarpur seeking protection of their lives and liberty at the hands of the private respondents.

4. Notice of motion to respondent Nos.1 to 3 only.

5. On the asking of the Court, Ms. Manjot Kaur, AAG, Punjab, accepts notice on behalf of respondent Nos.1 to 3.

6. Without expressing any opinion on the merits of the matter and in particular the legality of the alleged relationship, the present petition is disposed of with a direction to respondent No.2-Sr.Superintendent of Police, Hoshiarpur to forthwith consider the aforesaid representation dated 09.07.2024 made on behalf of the petitioner No.1 and thereafter, take appropriate action on the same as is deemed fit in accordance with law to ensure the protection of life and liberty of the petitioners. Till then, protect the life and liberty of the petitioners. Respondent No.2 would pass necessary order within a period of one month without being influenced by any pleadings made in the petition.

7. It is made clear that this order shall not be taken to validate the alleged relationship between the petitioners or protect them from legal action for violation, if any, committed by them.

(GURBIR SINGH)
JUDGE

July 12, 2024

Poonam Sharma

Whether speaking/reasoned: Yes/No

Whether reportable: Yes/No