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

CRWP-7025-2024

Date of Decision: 24.07.2024

Mansi and Another

..... Petitioners

Versus

State of Punjab and others

..... Respondents

CORAM:- HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE AMARJOT BHATTI

Present: Mr. Aazam Khan, Advocate for the petitioners.

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

AMARJOT BHATTI, J.

1. Petitioners Mansi and Kalu Bind have filed present petition under Article 226 of the Constitution of India for issuance of direction to respondents No. 2 and 3 to protect life and liberty of petitioners from the hands of respondents No. 4 to 6.

2. It is submitted that both petitioners are major. Petitioner No.1 is aged about 18 years, copy of her Aadhar Card is Annexure P-2. Petitioner No. 2 is aged about 25 years, copy of his Aadhar Card is Annexure P-3. They had performed marriage on 18.07.2024. Copy of their Marriage Certificate is Annexure P-1 and photographs regarding performing of marriage are Annexure P-4. Petitioner No. 1 also moved representation to Superintendent of Police, District Mohali, which is Annexure P-5. Petitioners had performed marriage without consent and wishes of parents/family members of petitioner No. 1. Respondents No. 4 to 6 are parents/family members of petitioner No.1, from whom petitioners are receiving threats.

3. Notice of motion.
4. On asking of this Court, Mr. Kewal Singh, Addl. A.G. Punjab accepts notice on behalf of State. Complete copy of 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 facts narrated in petition, according to which both petitioners are major and they have performed marriage against the wishes of family of petitioner No. 1, as a result they are apprehending threats from the hands of respondents No. 4 to 6. It is duty of police to protect life and liberty of petitioners. Therefore, respondents No. 2 and 3 are directed to consider representation of petitioner No. 1 dated 19.07.2024 (Annexure P-5) and protect life and liberty of petitioners from the hands of respondents No. 4 to 6, 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. Petition is accordingly disposed of.
9. Pending miscellaneous application(s), if any, stand disposed of accordingly as well.

(AMARJOT BHATTI)
JUDGE

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