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

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Date of Decision:09.08.2024

Shivani Lohat and another

..... Petitioners

Versus

State of Punjab and others

.....Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE RAJESH BHARDWAJ

Present: Mr.Deepak Kumar Bartia, Advocate, for the petitioners

Rajesh Bhardwaj, J. (ORAL)

1. The petitioners have filed the present petition under Article 226 of the Constitution of India for issuance of direction to respondents No.1 to 3 for protecting the life and liberty of the petitioners and not to interfere in their married life at the instance of respondents No.4 to 7 and their relatives and friends.

2. Learned counsel for the petitioners states that both the petitioners are major and have married against the wishes of respondents no.4 to 7 and have sought protection to their life and liberty. They apprehend danger from respondents no.4 to 7. Their marriage certificate as well as marriage photographs evidencing their marriage are on record as Annexures P-3 and P-4. The petitioners have submitted a representation dated 07.08.2024 (Annexure P-5) to respondent no.2.

3. Notice of motion to the official respondents only.

4. Mr. J.S. Arora, DAG, Punjab, accepts notice on behalf of the State.

5. 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, Moga, to decide the representation (Annexure P-5) of the petitioners and grant them protection, if any threat to their life and liberty is perceived.

6. 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.

09.08.2024			(RAJESH BHARDWAJ)
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	Whether Speaking/Reasoned	:	Yes/No
	Whether Reportable	:	Yes/No