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

CRWP-8008-2024

Date of Decision: 21.08.2024

Satwinder Kaur and another

..... Petitioners

Versus

State of Punjab and Others

..... Respondents

CORAM:- HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE AMARJOT BHATTI

Present: Mr. Lovepreet Singh, Advocate for the petitioners.

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

AMARJOT BHATTI, J.

1. Petitioners Satwinder Kaur and Balwinder Singh have filed present petition under Article 226 of the Constitution of India for issuance of writ in the nature of Mandamus, directing respondents No. 2 and 3 to protect life and liberty of petitioners from the hands of respondents No. 4 to 9.

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-1. Petitioner No. 2 is aged about 30 years, copy of his Aadhar Card is Annexure P-2. They had performed marriage on 09.08.2024. Copy of Anand Karaj Certificate issued by Gurudwara Chaudhary Maya Dass Mistri, Gurdaspur is Annexure P-3. Petitioners also moved representation to Senior Superintendent of Police, Batala, which is Annexure P-4. Petitioners had performed marriage without consent and wishes of parents/family members of petitioner No.1. Petitioners are receiving threats from respondents No. 4 to 9, who are parents/relatives/neighbour of

petitioner No. 1.

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 the facts narrated in petition, according to which both petitioners are major and they have performed marriage against wishes of family of petitioner No. 1, as a result they are apprehending threats from the hands of respondents No. 4 to 9. It is duty of police to protect life and liberty of petitioners. Therefore, respondents No. 2 and 3 are directed to consider representation of petitioners dated 11.08.2024 (Annexure P-4) and protect life and liberty of petitioners from the hands of respondents No. 4 to 9, considering threat perception with further direction to maintain their privacy and dignity.
7. Aforesaid protection order will have no bearing on 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

21.08.2024

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