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

CRWP-8647-2024**Date of Decision:- 09.09.2024****Ramanjit Kaur and Another**

....Petitioners

Vs.

State of Punjab and Others

...Respondents

CORAM:- HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE AMARJOT BHATTI

Present:- Mr. Brijindra Singh Bajwa, Advocate for the petitioners.

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

AMARJOT BHATTI, J. (Oral)

1. Petitioners Ramanjit Kaur and Rahul have filed criminal writ petition under Articles 226/227 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 private respondents No. 4 to 10.

2. It is submitted that both petitioners are major. As per Aadhaar Card of petitioner No. 1, (Annexure P-1) and her Matriculation Certificate (Annexure P1/A), her date of birth is 26.08.2005. On the other hand, as per Aadhaar Card of petitioner No. 2 (Annexure P-2) and his PAN Card (Annexure P2/A), his date of birth is 30.12.1999. They had performed marriage on 02.09.2024. Copy of Certificate of Marriage issued by Prachin Pashupati Nath Shiv Mandir Society, Sector-4, Panchkula, Haryana is Annexure P-4 and photographs regarding performing of their marriage are Annexure P-3. Petitioners also moved representation to Senior Superintendent of Police, District Amritsar, which is Annexure P-5.

Petitioners had performed marriage without consent and wishes of family

members/relatives of petitioner No. 1 and as such they are receiving threats from respondents No. 4 to 10.

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/relatives of petitioner No. 1, as a result they are apprehending threats from the hands of respondents No. 4 to 10. 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, Annexure P-5 and protect life and liberty of petitioners from the hands of respondents No. 4 to 10, 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

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Whether reportable	:	Yes/No