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

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Date of Decision: September 24, 2024

Vandna and another

.....Petitioners

Versus

State of Punjab and others

.....Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE RAJESH BHARDWAJ

Present: Mr.Nitin Narula, Advocate
for the petitioners.

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RAJESH BHARDWAJ, J.(ORAL)

1. Present petition has been filed under Articles 226/227 of the Constitution of India for directing respondents No.1 to 3 to protect the life and liberty of the petitioners and also directing respondents No.4 and 5 not to interfere in the personal life and liberty of the petitioners and further directing respondents No.1 to 3 not to allow respondents No.4 and 5 or anybody else to interfere with the liberty and life of the petitioners or to harass them in any manner against the wishes of the petitioners or to cause any detriment to the petitioners in any manner.

2. Learned counsel for the petitioners states that both the petitioners are major and have married against the wishes of respondents No.4 and 5 and have sought protection to their life and liberty. They apprehend danger from respondents No.4 and 5. Their marriage certificate and photographs evidencing their marriage are on record as Annexures P-3

and P-4. The petitioners have submitted a representation, dated 20.09.2024



(Annexure P-5) to respondent No.2.

3. Notice of motion to respondents No.1 to 3-State only.
4. On asking of the Court, Mr.Tarun Aggarwal, Sr.DAG, Punjab, who is present in Court, accepts notice on behalf of the respondents/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, Gurdaspur, to decide the representation (Annexure P-5) of the petitioners and grant them protection, if any threat to their life and liberty is perceived. 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.

September 24, 2024

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**(RAJESH BHARDWAJ)
JUDGE**

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| 1. Whether speaking/reasoned ? | Yes/No |
| 2. Whether reportable ? | Yes/No |