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

CRWP-9638-2024

Date of Decision:- 04.10.2024

Karmo Devi and another

....Petitioners

Vs.

State of Punjab and others

....Respondents

CORAM:- HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE AMARJOT BHATTI

Present:- Mr. Amandeep Singh, Advocate
for the petitioners.

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

AMARJOT BHATTI, J. (Oral)

1. Petitioners Karmo Devi and Inderjit Singh have filed present petition under Article 226 of the Constitution of India for issuance of directions to respondents No. 1 to 3 to protect life and liberty of petitioners from the hands of private respondents No. 4 to 6, who are family members of petitioner No. 1.

2. It is submitted that both petitioners are major. As per Aadhaar Card of petitioner No. 1, Annexure P-1, her year of birth is 1999. On the other hand, as per Aadhaar Card of petitioner No.2, Annexure P-2, his date of birth is 25.07.1995. They had performed marriage on 30.09.2024. Copy of Certificate of Marriage issued by Gurudwara Guru Nanak Niwas Sahib, Village Karor Kalan, Tehsil Kharar, District Mohali is Annexure P-3 and photographs regarding performing of their marriage are Annexure P-4. Petitioners also moved representation to Senior Superintendent of Police, District Patiala and SHO, Police Station Sadar Nabha, District Patiala,

which is Annexure P-5. Petitioners had performed marriage without

consent and wishes of parents and brother of petitioner No. 1 and as such they are receiving threats from respondents No. 4 to 6.

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 parents and brother 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 petitioners dated 30.09.2024 (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 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.

(AMARJOT BHATTI)
JUDGE

04.10.2024

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