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

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Date of Decision:- 03.12.2024

Monika and Anr.

...Petitioners

Vs.

State of Punjab and Ors.

...Respondents

CORAM:-HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE AMARJOT BHATTI

Present:- Mr. Sumit Dua, Advocate for petitioners.

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

AMARJOT BHATTI, J.

1. Petitioners Monika and Sandeep Kumar have filed present petition under Articles 226/227 of the Constitution of India for issuance of a writ in the nature of mandamus directing respondents No. 1 to 3 to protect life and liberty of petitioners from the hands of respondents No.4 to 8.

2. It is submitted that both petitioners are major. As per Aadhar Card of petitioner No.1 (Annexure P-1), her date of birth is 01.01.2000. On the other hand as per Aadhar Card of petitioner No.2 (Annexure P-2), his date of birth is 20.06.1992. They had performed marriage on 29.11.2024. Copy of marriage photographs is Annexure P-3 and marriage certificate is Annexure P-4. Petitioners also moved representation to Senior Superintendent of Police, District Gurdaspur dated 29.11.2024, which is Annexure P-5. Petitioners had performed marriage without consent and wishes of parents and relatives of petitioner No.1. Respondents No.4 to 8 are parents and relatives of petitioner No.1 from whom, petitioners are receiving threats.

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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 respondent.

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 relatives of petitioner No.1, as a result they are apprehending threats from the hands of respondents No. 4 to 8. It is duty of police to protect life and liberty of petitioners. Therefore, respondents No. 2 & 3 are directed to consider representation of petitioners dated 29.11.2024 (Annexure P-5) and protect life and liberty of petitioners from the hands of respondents No. 4 to 8, 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.

03.12.2024*Sunil Devi***(AMARJOT BHATTI)
JUDGE**

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