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IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

CRWP-12646-2024
Date of Decision: 31.12.2024

Gursewak Singh and another

...Petitioners

Versus

State of Punjab and others

...Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ALOK JAIN

Present: Mr. Lakhwinder Singh Lakhanpal, Advocate for the petitioners.
Mr. Anil Bansal, DAG, Punjab.
Mr. Sarvesh Kumar Gupta, Advocate for respondent No.4.

ALOK JAIN, J. (ORAL)

1.
- The present petition has been filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India for issuance of a writ in the nature of *mandamus* directing the official respondents to protect the life and liberty of the petitioners, who got married on **27.12.2024**, at the hands of private respondents.
2.
- Notice of motion.
3.
- Mr. Anil Bansal, DAG, Punjab, accepts notice on behalf of the official respondents. Mr. Sarvesh Kumar Gupta, Advocate has put in appearance on behalf of respondent No.4 (who is father of petitioner No.2) and filed Power of Attorney, which is taken on record.
4.
- The parties were made to interact and, thereafter, counsel for respondent No.4 submits that there is no threat perception from them to the children but there is only an apprehension that petitioner No.2 has attained the age of 18 and has just passed 12th class so he is worried about her future and studies.
5.
- Learned counsel for the petitioners as well as petitioner No.1 who are present in the Court stated that petitioner No.1 will take proper care of

petitioner No.2 and he ensures the Court that further studies of petitioner No.2 shall not be hampered and he would make every effort to give her a good life. Petitioner No.2 is also advised to remain in constant touch with her parents so that the family bonding and the harmony remains intact.

6. In view of the above, the petition is disposed of with a direction to respondent No.2 to take into consideration the request of the petitioners made vide representation dated **27.12.2024 (Annexure P-4)** and take appropriate action, if required, in accordance with law.

7. It is made clear that this petition is considered only for the purpose of protection of life and liberty of the petitioners and the filing, pendency or the orders passed by this Court in this petition shall neither be construed as a stamp of the Court *qua* the relationship/marriage of the petitioners nor shall be relied upon by any authority in any proceedings initiated against them under any other provision of law.

8. This order shall not operate as an *alibi* or defence to any proceedings which might be pending or may arise against the petitioners. Although, the State is duty bound to protect its citizens and only with the said motive, the present order/directions have been passed.

9. It is further made clear to the petitioners that, in case, any averment made in this petition or in the representation dated **27.12.2024 (Annexure P-4)** is found to be incorrect, the State authorities shall initiate strict criminal proceedings against the petitioners.

10. Accordingly, the present petition stands disposed of.

31.12.2024
Parveen kumar

(ALOK JAIN)
JUDGE

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