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IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

CRWP-81-2025(O&M)

Date of Decision: January 08, 2025

Rijwana and another

.....Petitioners

Versus

State of Punjab and others

.....Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE RAJESH BHARDWAJ

Present: Mr.Amit Khari, Advocate
for the petitioners.

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RAJESH BHARDWAJ, J.(ORAL)

CRM-W-12-2025

Application is allowed as prayed for.

Main case

1. Present petition has been filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India for directing respondents No.2 and 3 to protect the life and liberty of the petitioners and not to interfere in their peaceful life at the behest of respondents No.4 to 8 and other relatives and to take appropriate legal action on the representation, dated 02.01.2025, Annexure P-3.
2. Learned counsel for the petitioners states that both the petitioners are major. It is further submitted that petitioner No.1 is divorcee and she has two children also from her previous marriage, who are living with her whereas petitioner No.2 is unmarried. It is further submitted that both the petitioners have married against the wishes of respondents No.4 to 8 and have sought protection to their life and liberty. They apprehend danger



from respondents No.4 to 8. The petitioners have submitted a representation dated 02.01.2025 (Annexure P-3) 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-Commissioner of Police, Ludhiana, to decide the representation (Annexure P-3) 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.

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(RAJESH BHARDWAJ)
JUDGE

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