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

CRWP-6440-2023

Date of Decision: 30.06.2023

Annu Kumari and another

...Petitioners

Versus

State of Haryana and others

...Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARSH BUNGER

Present : Mr. Rohit Sharma, Advocate for
Mr. Lupil Gupta, Advocate
for the petitioners.

HARSH BUNGER, J. (ORAL)

1. Prayer in the instant petition, filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India, is for issuance of directions to respondents Nos.2 and 3, to provide protection of life and liberty to the petitioners, who have married against wishes of private respondent No.4.

2. Learned counsel for the petitioners submits that petitioner No.1- Annu Kumari, aged about 21 years and petitioner No.2-Ajay Kumar, aged about 24 years, have got married on 21.06.2023, against wishes of the family members / relative / friend of petitioner No. 1 (Annu Kumari), arrayed as respondent No. 4. It has been further submitted that private respondent is threatening and trying to interfere in the marital life of the petitioners. Hence, they are seeking protection in that regard and have approached this Court by way of filing the instant petition.

3. A photograph of the marriage of petitioners has been handed over in Court today, which is taken on record, subject to all just exceptions and is marked as "MARK-A".

4. Notice of motion to respondent Nos. 1 to 3-State only.

5. On the asking of the Court, Mr. R.S. Jhund, Addl. A.G., Haryana, who is present in the Court, accepts notice on behalf of respondent Nos. 1 to 3-State.

6. In view of the above, present petition is disposed of with a direction to respondent No. 2 –Superintendent of Police, Mahendergarh, to look into the representation dated 21.06.2023 (Annexure P-4), *qua* threat perception, if any, and take necessary steps, if any required, in accordance with law, to ensure that life and liberty of the petitioners is not jeopardized at the hands of private respondents. However, this direction shall not be construed to validate the marriage, said to have taken place between petitioner Nos. 1 and 2. This order shall also not be taken to protect the petitioners from legal action for violation of law, if any, committed by them and will have no effect on any civil or criminal action, which could be initiated in the matter in accordance with law.

June 30, 2023

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(HARSH BUNGER)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned: Yes/No

Whether reportable: Yes/No