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IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT CHANDIGARH

CRM No.M- 31337 of 2015

Date of Decision:- Sept. 15th , 2015

Uma Rani and another

....Petitioners

Versus

State of Punjab and others

....Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SHEKHER DHAWAN

Present: Mr. Pawan Kumar, Advocate, for the petitioners.

SHEKHER DHAWAN, J.

Both the petitioners are present in the Court and are identified by their counsel.

Petitioners have sought protection of their lives and liberty, *inter alia*, taking the plea that they performed the marriage with each other, whereas private respondents are not accepting their marriage and now they are apprehending danger to their lives and liberty from private respondents.

Petitioners have also taken the plea that they are major and have performed their marriage with free will.

Having considered the submissions made by learned counsel counsel for the petitioners and perusal of record, Senior Superintendent of Police, Patiala, respondent No.2 is directed to consider the representation dated 09.09.2015 (Annexure P/5) and issue necessary orders, as warranted by law, so as to ensure that no harm is caused to the life and liberty of the petitioners at the hands of private respondents.

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However, it is also made clear that this order shall not entitle the petitioners for any protection against their arrest or continuance of any criminal proceedings, if they are found involved in the commission of any cognizable offence. In case the petitioners had committed any offence, the law will take its own course.

With the above-said observations made and directions issued, the present petition stands disposed of.

September 15th, 2015
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(**SHEKHER DHAWAN**)
JUDGE