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IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT CHANDIGARH

CRM-M-29157-2017 [O&M]

Date of Decision:- August 10, 2017

Rajji Bai and another

....Petitioners

Versus

State of Punjab etc.

....Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SHEKHER DHAWAN

Present: Mr. Baljinder Singh Singhvi, Advocate,
for the petitioners.

Mr. Raj Birinder Singh Chahal, Addl.A.G., Punjab,
for the respondent State.

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. Learned counsel for the petitioners contended that the petitioners performed marriage on 07.08.2017.

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

Notice of motion to respondents No. 1 to 3 only.

On the asking of the Court, Mr. Raj Birinder Singh Chahal,

Additional Advocate General, Punjab accepts notice on behalf of the

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respondent-State.

Having considered the submissions made by learned counsel counsel for the petitioners and perusal of record, Senior Superintendent of of Police, Sri Muktsar Sahib, respondent No.2, is directed to consider the representation dated 7.8.2017 (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.

However, it is also made clear that this order shall not be taken to validate the alleged marriage of the petitioners or entitle them 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.

August 10,2017
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(SHEKHER DHAWAN)
JUDGE

Speaking/Reasoned	Yes
Reportable	No