In the High Court of Punjab and Haryana, at Chandigarh

Criminal Misc. No. M-54952 of 2018

Date of Decision: 13.12.2018

Jashanpreet Kaur and Another

... Petitioner(s)

Versus

The State of Punjab and Others

... Respondent(s)

CORAM: Hon'ble Mr. Justice Shekher Dhawan.

Present: Mr. Monty Goyal, Advocate
for the petitioner(s).

Shekher Dhawan, J.

Learned counsel for the petitioners has placed on file a photocopy of the marriage certificate dated 03.12.2018 today in the Court itself. The same is taken on record.

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 03.12.2018.

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

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Notice of motion.

On the asking of the Court, Mr. Surinder Pal Singh Tinna, Additional Advocate General, Punjab, accepts notice on behalf of respondents No.1 to 3. A complete copy of paper-book be provided to him during the course of the day.

Having considered the submissions made by learned counsel for the petitioners and perusal of record, respondent No.2-Commissioner of Police, District Ludhiana, is directed to consider the representation dated 03.12.2018 (Annexure P4) 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 aforesaid observations made and directions issued, the present petition stands disposed of.

(**Shekher Dhawan)**
Judge

December 13, 2018
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Whether speaking/reasoned :Yes/No
Whether reportable : Yes/No

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