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

CRM-M-19028-2019

Date of decision-26.04.2019

Jyoti and another

....Petitioners

Vs.

State of Haryana and others

...Respondents

CORAM:- HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE MANOJ BAJAJ

Present: Petitioners in person.

MANOJ BAJAJ, J.

Petitioners have filed this petition under Section 482 Cr.P.C for issuance of directions to provide them adequate security and protection, as they apprehend threat at the hands of respondent Nos.4 to 6, who are opposed to the alleged marriage entered into between the petitioners on 24.04.2019.

Upon a call given by Punjab and Haryana High Court Bar Association, lawyers are abstaining from putting an appearance. When the case was called, the petitioners have appeared in person to assist the Court in support of their claim made in the petition.

The petitioners have submitted that previously a case FIR No.80 dated 31.07.2018 under Section 354 of Indian Penal Code and Sections 8 and 12 of Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act (**POCSO Act**) 2012, Police Station Women, Panipat was got recorded at the instance of parents of petitioner No.1 against petitioner No.2. At that time, the petitioners were not married and the statement of petitioner No.1 was also recorded under Section 164 Cr.P.C. Therein a clear stand was taken by her regarding her friendship with petitioner No.2. This

Court vide order dated 27.11.2018 passed in CRM-M-51218-2018 (Annexure P-5) extended the concession of regular bail to petitioner No.2. It is pointed out that the said case is pending before the competent Court of jurisdiction.

It is further submitted by petitioner No.1 that a representation already stands submitted before Superintendent of Police, Panipat wherein an apprehension of threat at the instance of private respondents was mentioned.

At this stage, this Court is not accepting the sanctity and validity of the marriage allegedly entered into between the parties, however, considering the background behind their relationship and opposition by the private respondents, it would be appropriate to relegate the petitioners to the Office of Superintendent of Police, Panipat with whom the representation dated 24.04.2019 (Annexure P-6) is pending. Superintendent of Police, Panipat either himself or may depute some other responsible officer to look into the representation and grievance of the petitioners and, thereafter, would take appropriate decision to provide security/protection in case it is so required. It will be appreciated if, an attempt is made by the Office of Superintendent of Police, Panipat to explore the possibility of reconciliation between the petitioners and private respondents.

With the aforesaid observation, present petition is disposed off and it is expected that a prompt decision will be taken by the concerned officer upon representation dated 24.04.2019 (Annexure P-6).

Disposed off.

(MANOJ BAJAJ)
JUDGE

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Whether speaking/reasoned :	Yes	No
Whether Reportable :	Yes	No