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

CRWP No.2382 of 2020

Date of Decision: 03.03.2020

Avantika Chopra and anotherPetitioners

Vs

State of Punjab and othersRespondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE RAJ MOHAN SINGH

Present:Petitioners in-person along with
Mr. Puneet Kakkar, Advocate.

RAJ MOHAN SINGH, J.(Oral)

By way of filing the present petition under Article 226 of the Constitution of India, the petitioners seek issuance of necessary directions for the protection of their lives and personal liberties from being violated by private respondents.

Petitioner No.2 is 20 ½ years of age which is not marriageable age and has contracted marriage with petitioner No.1 on 02.03.2020 according to their voluntary act, but against the wishes of their family members. They have relied upon some documents/photographs in the context of validity of marriage. They have also moved a representation dated 02.03.2020 (Annexure P-4) to the Senior Superintendent of Police, Ferozepur, District Ferozepur and Station House Officer, Police Station Makhu, District Ferozepur.

Notice of motion to respondents No.1 to 3.

On asking of the Court, Mr. J.S. Ghumman, DAG, Punjab accepts notice on behalf of State-respondents No.1 to 3.

At this stage without meaning anything upon the allegations and without commenting upon validity of marriage vis-a-vis majority of the petitioners, I am of the view that the petitioners be relegated to approach respondent No.2 before whom they have statedly moved a representation.

Respondent No.2 shall ascertain the truth in the allegations of the petitioners and would pass appropriate order in accordance with law. Respondent No.2 would be at liberty to assess the threat perception of the petitioners and would act in accordance with law. Respondent No.2 would also be at liberty to join the petitioners or any other person acquainted with the facts of the case. Respondent No.2 shall form an independent opinion, without being influenced by any statement of fact recorded hereinabove.

It would be appreciated, if needful in deciding the representation is done by within a period of one month from the date of receipt of certified copy of this order. Petition stands disposed of.

03.03.2020

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Whether speaking/reasoned

Whether reportable

(RAJ MOHAN SINGH)
JUDGE

Yes/No

Yes/No