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IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

CRWP-6462-2020

Date of decision: 27.08.2020

HARJINDER SINGH AND ANR

... Petitioners

versus

STATE OF PUNJAB AND ORS

.... Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARI PAL VERMA

Present: Mr. Chandan Singh Rana, Advocate,
for the petitioners.

HARI PAL VERMA, J.(Oral)

The matter has been taken up for hearing through video conferencing due to outbreak of COVID-19.

Prayer in this criminal writ petition filed under Article 226/227 of the Constitution of India is for issuance of writ in the nature of mandamus for directing respondents No.2 and 3 to protect the life and liberty of the petitioners at the hands of private respondents No.4 to 7.

Learned counsel for the petitioners states that petitioner No.2- Muskan is of 17 years and 8 months. Both the petitioners are otherwise known to each other. They have solemnized marriage on 23.05.2020. Since petitioner No.2 is slightly below 18 years of age, they have restricted their claim only as regard protection to their life and liberty. He relies upon order dated 17.08.2020 passed by this Court in ***CRWP No.5956 of 2020*** titled as ***Gurjant Singh and another Versus State of Punjab and others.*** He submits that for the alleged threat perception, the petitioners have already

submitted a representation dated 16.08.2020 (Annexure P-5) to the Commissioner of Police, Ludhiana i.e. respondent No.2.

Notice of motion to respondents No.1 to 4 only at this stage.

At the asking of the Court, Mr. Saurav Khurana, DAG, Punjab, accepts notice on behalf of respondents No.1 to 4.

While refraining from making any expression as regard the veracity of the averments made in the petition including the validity of marriage, but considering the prayer of the petitioners for protection to their life and liberty, the present petition is disposed of with a direction to respondent No.2-Commissioner of Police, Ludhiana to take appropriate remedial measures on the representation dated 16.08.2020 (Annexure P-5) submitted by the petitioners as warranted by law.

In the meantime, necessary order be passed to ensure that no harm is caused to the life and liberty of the petitioners.

(HARI PAL VERMA)
JUDGE

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Whether speaking/reasoned?	Yes/No
Whether reportable?	Yes/No