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

CRWP No.2726 of 2019

Date of Decision:01.01.2020

PRIYA GUPTA @ PARIBANO AND ANOTHER

.....Petitioners

Vs

STATE OF PUNJAB AND OTHERS

.....Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE RAJ MOHAN SINGH

Present:Petitioners in-person along with
Mr. M.K. Sharma, Advocate.

RAJ MOHAN SINGH, J.(Oral)

In this petition, petitioners seek issuance of necessary directions in the form of mandamus in the context of protection qua their lives and liberties from being invaded by the private respondents No.4 and 5.

Learned counsel for the petitioners submitted that both the petitioners are permanent residents of Uttar Pradesh. Petitioner No.2 has come to Punjab for the last five years and is doing painting work.

Petitioners claimed themselves to be major and have contracted marriage on 27.12.2019 according to their own sweet will, but against the wishes of their family members.

Marriage certificate (Annexure P-4) is sought to be pressed into service in order to project validity of marriage. Petitioner No.1 executed an affidavit before the Moulvi/Kaji in respect of her religion.

In the context of threat perception at the hands of private respondents, petitioners have prayed for necessary directions for safeguarding their personal civil and legal rights.

In the aforesaid context, petitioners have allegedly moved representation dated 27.12.2019 (Annexure P-6) to the Senior Superintendent of Police, Barnala, District Barnala and Station House Officer, Police Station, City-2, District Barnala.

Notice of motion to respondents No.1 to 3.

On the asking of the Court, Mr. Vikas Mohan Gupta, A.A.G., Punjab accepts notice on behalf of State-respondents No.1 to 3.

At this juncture, this Court is not in a position to comment upon the validity of marriage and majority of the petitioners in terms of their respective ages, however, respondent No.2 can be asked to have a fair look on the grievance of the petitioners in order to ascertain veracity of allegations made by the petitioners.

Respondent No.2 would be at liberty to devise his/her own mechanism to ascertain the truth. He/she would also be at

liberty to join the petitioners or any other person acquainted with facts in issue. In case respondent No.2 finds that there is some truth in the allegations of the petitioners, then he/she shall proceed to take appropriate action in accordance with law.

The aforesaid order is being passed at this stage without meaning anything on the merits of the case. Respondent No.2 would pass necessary order without being influenced by any observation made by the Court in terms of pleadings at this stage. This order shall not debar the official respondents from proceeding against any of the party in accordance with law in case they are involved in some other case. It would be appreciated if the representation filed by the petitioners is decided within a period of one month from today keeping in view the threat perception shown by the petitioners.

Petition stands disposed of accordingly.

January 01, 2020

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**(RAJ MOHAN SINGH)
JUDGE**

Whether speaking/reasoned

Yes/No

Whether reportable

Yes/No