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

CRWP-7630-2021

Date of decision : 13.08.2021

Sonia and another

...Petitioners

Versus

State of Union Territory Chandigarh and others

...Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE VIKAS BAHL

Present: Mr. Deepak K. Bartia, Advocate for the petitioners.

(Through Video Conferencing)

VIKAS BAHL, J. (ORAL)

The present Criminal Writ Petition has been filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India for directing respondent Nos.1 to 3 to protect the life and liberty of the petitioners.

It is the case of the petitioners that they both are major inasmuch as petitioner No.1 was born on 07.10.2002 and petitioner No.2 was born on 10.01.1998, and have married each other on 10.08.2021, with their free consent and without any pressure. Reliance has been placed upon Aadhaar Cards (Annexures P-1 and P-3 respectively) and the Marriage Certificate and Photographs (Annexures P-5 and P-6 respectively). It is also stated by the learned counsel for the petitioners that a detailed representation dated 10.08.2021 (Annexure P-7) has also been given to

respondent No.2 with regard to the same.

Notice of motion to respondent Nos.1 to 3 only.

On advance notice, Mr. Akashdeep Singh, APP, UT, Chandigarh, appears and accepts notice on behalf of respondent Nos.1 to 3 and stated that respondent Nos.4 and 6 have given their statement that since petitioner No.1 has married, thus, they have no concern and would not interfere in the life of the petitioners.

However, learned counsel for the petitioners prays that respondent No.2 in any case be directed to look into the representation.

After considering the abovesaid facts and without commenting upon the legality of the marriage and expressing any opinion on merits of the case, the present Criminal Writ Petition is disposed of with direction to respondent No.2 to look into the representation dated 10.08.2021 (Annexure P-7) and after considering the threat perception to the petitioners, respondent No.2 will take appropriate action in accordance with law.

It is, however, clarified that this order shall not debar the State from proceeding against the petitioners, if involved in any other case.

Accordingly, the present Criminal Writ Petition stands disposed of in the abovesaid terms.

13.08.2021

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**(VIKAS BAHL)
JUDGE**

Whether speaking/reasoned:-

Yes/No

Whether reportable:-

Yes/No