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

CRWP-8384-2021

Date of decision : 03.09.2021

Bhawna Devi and another

...Petitioners

Versus

State of Punjab and others

...Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE VIKAS BAHL

Present: Mr. Chandan Singh Rana, 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.2 and 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 14.07.2003 as is apparent from Aadhaar Card (Annexure P-1) and petitioner No.2 was born on 10.03.2000 as is apparent from his affidavit which has been attached as Annexure P-3 with the present petition. In the said affidavit, it has been stated that he has misplaced his Aadhaar Card. Both the petitioners have married each other on 31.08.2021, with their free consent and without any pressure and this is their first marriage. Reliance has been placed upon the Marriage Certificate

(Annexure P-5) and Photographs (Annexure P-4). It is also stated by the learned counsel for the petitioners that a detailed representation dated 31.08.2021 (Annexure P-6) 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. Prabhjot Singh Walia, AAG, Punjab, appears and accepts notice on behalf of respondent Nos.1 to 3 and on a specific query put by this Court, he has stated that he has no objection in case, respondent No.2-Commissioner of Police, looks into the representation dated 31.08.2021 (Annexure P-6) and takes appropriate action in accordance with law.

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 31.08.2021 (Annexure P-6) 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.

03.09.2021

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**(VIKAS BAHL)
JUDGE**

Whether speaking/reasoned:-

Yes/No

Whether reportable:-

Yes/No