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

CRWP-10268-2021
Date of decision : 28.10.2021

Ramandeep Singh and another

...Petitioners

Versus

State of Punjab and others

...Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE VIKAS BAHL

Present: Mr. L.S. Lakhanpal, Advocate for the petitioners.

Mr. A.K. Kaundal, DAG, Punjab.

Mr. Sanjeev Kumar Bawa, Advocate for respondent No.7.

(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 17.05.1993 and petitioner No.2 was born on 14.10.2000, and have married each other on 25.10.2021, with their free consent and without any pressure and that this is their first marriage. Reliance has been placed upon Aadhaar Cards (Annexures P-1 and P-2) and the Marriage Certificate (Annexure P-3). It is also stated by the

learned counsel for the petitioners that a detailed representation dated 25.10.2021 (Annexure P-4) 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. A.K. Kaundal, DAG, 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-Senior Superintendent of Police, looks into the representation dated 25.10.2021 (Annexure P-4) 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 25.10.2021 (Annexure P-4) and after considering the threat perception to the petitioners, respondent No.2 will take appropriate action in accordance with law.

Learned counsel for respondent No.7 has submitted that respondent No.7 is paternal uncle of petitioner No.2 and he has instructions to submit that the private respondents are not opposing the marriage of the petitioners but only want to meet the petitioners once and has assured the Court that they would not cause any harm to the petitioners.

Learned counsel for the petitioners has submitted that the safety of the petitioners is paramount and in case, the matter can be finally and fully resolved, then it would be in the best interest of every person.

Keeping in view the abovesaid facts, the petitioners alongwith

the private respondents, in case, they want to resolve their disputes, can appear before respondent No.2-Senior Superintendent of Police, Hoshiarpur on 03.11.2021 at 11:00 am.

In case, the said parties appear before respondent No.2-Senior Superintendent of Police, Hoshiarpur, then respondent No.2 is directed to depute some police officials who could sit alongwith the petitioners and the private respondents and permit them to interact with each other and also ensure that no harm is caused to the petitioners.

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

28.10.2021

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**(VIKAS BAHL)
JUDGE**

Whether speaking/reasoned:-

Yes/No

Whether reportable:-

Yes/No