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

CRWP-11588-2021

Date of decision : 10.12.2021

Mandeep Kaur and another

...Petitioners

Versus

State of Punjab and others

...Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE VIKAS BAHL

Present: Mr. Manoj Pundir, Advocate for the petitioners.

Mr. Sarabjit S. Cheema, AAG, Punjab.

VIKAS BAHL, J. (ORAL)

The present Criminal Writ Petition has been filed under Articles 226/227 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 10.05.1989 as is apparent from her Aadhaar Card (Annexure P-1) and petitioner No.2 was born on 09.05.1996 as is apparent from his Aadhaar Card (Annexure P-3), and have married each other on 03.12.2021, with their free consent and without any pressure. Reliance has been placed upon the Marriage Certificate (Annexure P-6) and Photographs (Annexure P-5). It is also stated by the learned counsel for the petitioners that a detailed representation dated 04.12.2021 (Annexure P-7)

has also been given to respondent Nos.2 and 3 with regard to the same.

Learned counsel for the petitioners has further submitted that although petitioner No.1 was earlier married to one Gurwinder Singh but however, she has been granted divorce prior to the present marriage. Reference has been made to judgment and decree of divorce dated 14.10.2021 (Annexure P-9).

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

On advance notice, Mr. Sarabjit S. Cheema, 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-Senior Superintendent of Police, looks into the representation dated 04.12.2021 (Annexure P-7) 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 04.12.2021 (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.

10.12.2021

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**(VIKAS BAHL)
JUDGE**

Whether speaking/reasoned:-

Yes/No

Whether reportable:-

Yes/No