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IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT CHANDIGARH

CRWP-1863-2022 (O&M)
Date of decision : 03.03.2022

Rajni Kaur and Another ... Petitioner(s)

Versus

State of Punjab and Others ... Respondent(s)

CORAM : HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE ALKA SARIN

Present : Mr. Munish Garg, Advocate for the petitioners.

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ALKA SARIN, J. (ORAL)

Heard in virtual mode.

This is a petition under Article 226 of the Constitution of India seeking protection of life and liberty of the petitioners at the hands of respondent Nos.4 to 10.

Learned counsel for the petitioners has submitted that the petitioners are major and have got married against the wishes of their parents and relatives. In support of the age proof, petitioner Nos.1 and 2 have appended photocopies of their Aadhaar Cards as Annexures P-1 and P-3, respectively. Learned counsel for the petitioners has further submitted that this is the first marriage of the petitioners' and they are stated to be receiving serious threats and apprehend grave danger to their life and liberty. The petitioners have also sent a representation dated 28.02.2022 (Annexure P-6) to the Senior Superintendent of Police, Bathinda - respondent No.2 - for providing adequate security. However, no action has been taken till date. The counsel for the petitioners would further contend that he limits his

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prayer in the present petition and would be satisfied at this stage if directions are issued for deciding the said representation in accordance with law.

Notice of motion.

On the asking of the Court, Mr. Rehat Bir Singh Mann, DAG Punjab accepts notice on behalf of respondent Nos.1 to 3-State. Since the matter is not being decided on merits, the service on other respondents is dispensed with.

Heard learned counsel for the parties.

Without expressing any opinion with regard to the veracity of the contents of the petition and the submissions made by learned counsel for the petitioners, the present petition is disposed off with a direction to the Senior Superintendent of Police, Bathinda - respondent No.2 - to decide the representation dated 28.02.2022 (Annexure P-6) and take necessary action as per law.

It is, however, made clear that this order shall not, in any manner, be construed as an expression of opinion on the veracity of the statement made by the petitioners or on the validity of the marriage and shall have no effect on any other civil or criminal proceedings, if any, instituted/pending against them.

Disposed off.

03.03.2022 **(ALKA SARIN)**
Yogesh Sharma **JUDGE**

NOTE : Whether speaking/non-speaking : Speaking
Whether reportable : YES/NO

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