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

CRWP-6269-2022

Date of decision : 29.06.2022

Riti and another

...Petitioners

Versus

State of Punjab and others

...Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE VIKAS BAHL

Present: Ms. Deepti Rampal, Advocate for
Mr. Munish Puri, Advocate for the petitioners.

Mr. Sarabjit S. Cheema, AAG, Punjab.

Mr. Rahul Rana, Advocate for respondent No.4.

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 27.10.1998 and petitioner No.2 was born on 16.12.1996, and have married each other on 27.06.2022, 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-3), 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 27.06.2022 (Annexure P-7) has also been given to respondent Nos.2 and 3 with regard to the same.

Notice of motion to respondent Nos.1 to 4 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 27.06.2022 (Annexure P-7) and takes appropriate action in accordance with law.

Mr. Rahul Rana, Advocate has put in appearance on behalf of respondent No.4 i.e. father of petitioner No.1 and has submitted that the parents of the petitioners have no objection to the marriage but respondent No.4 wishes to meet the petitioners.

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 27.06.2022 (Annexure P-7) and after considering the threat perception to the petitioners, respondent No.2 will take appropriate action in accordance with law.

This Court is sure that once apprehension in the mind of the petitioners with respect to the threat to their life and liberty is removed, then the petitioners would freely meet their parents.

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

29.06.2022

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Whether speaking/reasoned:-

Whether reportable:-

(VIKAS BAHL)

JUDGE

Yes/No

Yes/No