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

CRWP-6518-2022

Date of decision : 08.07.2022

Preeti and another

...Petitioners

Versus

State of Punjab and others

...Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE VIKAS BAHL

Present: Mr. Dinesh Mahajan, Advocate for the petitioners.

Mr. Sarabjit S. Cheema, AAG, Punjab.

Mr. K.K. Thakur, Advocate for respondent No.5.

VIKAS BAHL, J. (ORAL)

The present Criminal Writ Petition has been filed under Articles 226/227 of the Constitution of India for directing the official respondents 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 10.03.2004 and petitioner No.2 was born on 01.01.2001, and have married each other on 04.07.2022, 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-2), the Marriage Certificate (Annexure P-3) and Photographs (Annexure P-4). It is also stated by the learned counsel for the petitioners that a detailed representation dated 04.07.2022 (Annexure P-5) has also been given to respondent No.2 with regard to the same.

Notice of motion to respondent Nos.1 to 3 and 5 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 04.07.2022 (Annexure P-5) and takes appropriate action in accordance with law.

Mr. K.K. Thakur, Advocate has put in appearance on behalf of respondent No.5 and has submitted that they have no objection to the marriage and has further submitted that respondent No.5 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 04.07.2022 (Annexure P-5) 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 criminal case.

This Court is hopeful that a genuine endeavour would be made by both the parties to resolve the entire dispute so that the petitioners can live happily and have peaceful familial relations with their parents.

08.07.2022

Pawan

**(VIKAS BAHL)
JUDGE**

Whether speaking/reasoned:- Yes/No

Whether reportable:- Yes/No