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

CRWP-7855-2022

Date of decision : 18.08.2022

Pinki and another

...Petitioners

Versus

State of Haryana and others

...Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE VIKAS BAHL

Present: Mr. Rajender Kumar, Advocate for the petitioners.

Mr. Praveen Bhadu, AAG, Haryana.

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 to 4 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 06.04.1993 as is apparent from her Aadhaar Card (Annexure P-1) and petitioner No.2 was born on 02.02.1995 as is apparent from Voter Card (Annexure P-2), and have married each other on 16.08.2022, with their free consent and without any pressure. Reliance has been placed upon the Marriage Certificate (Annexure P-5) and Photographs (Annexure P-4). It is also stated by the learned counsel for the petitioners that a detailed representation dated 17.08.2022 (Annexure P-6)

has also been given to respondent No.2 with regard to the same.

Learned counsel for the petitioners has further contended that petitioner No.1 was earlier married to one Sanjeet, who had died on 23.01.2014 and with respect to the same, reference has been made to Death Certificate (Annexure P-3).

Notice of motion to respondent Nos.1 to 4 only.

On advance notice, Mr. Praveen Bhadu, AAG, Haryana, appears and accepts notice on behalf of respondent Nos.1 to 4 and on a specific query put by this Court, he has stated that he has no objection in case, respondent No.2-Superintendent of Police, looks into the representation dated 17.08.2022 (Annexure P-6) 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 17.08.2022 (Annexure P-6) 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.

18.08.2022

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**(VIKAS BAHL)
JUDGE**

Whether speaking/reasoned:-

Yes/No

Whether reportable:-

Yes/No