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

CRWP-9270-2022

Date of decision : 26.09.2022

Manpreet Kaur and another

...Petitioners

Versus

State of Punjab and others

...Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE VIKAS BAHL

Present: None.

VIKAS BAHL, J. (ORAL)

Today, the Lawyers have decided to abstain from appearing in the Court because of the call given by the Bar Association.

The present Criminal Writ Petition has been filed under Articles 226/227 of the Constitution of India for directing respondent Nos.4 and 5 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 16.01.1994 and petitioner No.2 was born on 30.08.1997, and have married each other on 22.09.2022, 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 in the petition that a detailed representation

dated 22.09.2022 (Annexure P-5) has also been given to respondent No.2 with regard to the same.

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 22.09.2022 (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.

26.09.2022

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**(VIKAS BAHL)
JUDGE**

Whether speaking/reasoned:-

Yes/No

Whether reportable:-

Yes/No