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

CRWP-10007-2022
Date of decision : 19.10.2022

Monika and another

...Petitioners

Versus

State of U.T. Chandigarh 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.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 01.01.2002 as is apparent from Aadhaar Card (Annexure P-1) and petitioner No.2 was born on 26.03.1998 as is apparent from Aadhaar Card (Annexure P-2), and have married each other on 11.10.2022, with their free consent and without any pressure and that this is their first marriage. Reliance has been placed upon the Marriage Certificate (Annexure P-3) and photographs (Annexure P-4). A perusal of

the paperbook would also show that a detailed representation dated 15.10.2022 (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 15.10.2022 (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.

19.10.2022

Pawan

**(VIKAS BAHL)
JUDGE**

Whether speaking/reasoned:-

Yes/No

Whether reportable:-

Yes/No