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

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Date of decision : 14.02.2023

Poonam Tripathi and another

.....Petitioners

VERSUS

State of Punjab and others

....Respondent

CORAM:- HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SANJAY VASHISTH

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

SANJAY VASHISTH, J. (ORAL)

By way of filing this petition, petitioners seek direction to respondents No.2 and 3 to protect their lives and liberty and not to harrass them and family members of petitioner No.2 and his relatives at the hands of respondents No.4 to 7 and restrain them from interfering with the marital status, life and liberty of the petitioners.

2. Learned counsel for the petitioners submits that petitioner No.1 – Poonam Tripathi, aged about 26 years, was earlier married to one Kuldeep Rajpur son of Hardeep resident of Abdullapur Basti, Fauji Mohalla, Ludhiana, who expired on 14.02.2017. Petitioner No.2 – Dalip Kumar, aged about 22 years, was unmarried. Petitioners have solemnized their marriage on 20.01.2023, against the wishes of their family members, arrayed as respondents No.4 to 7. However, no marriage certificate was issued by the priest. Learned counsel for the petitioners submitted that the private respondents are threatening to interfere in the matrimonial life of the petitioners. Hence, the petitioners are seeking protection in that regard and

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have approached this Court by way of filing the instant petition. They have also submitted a representation dated 09.02.2023 (Annexure P-4), to respondent No.2 – Commissioner of Police, Ludhiana, wherein, they have expressed their apprehension.

3. Notice of motion.

4. On asking of the Court, Mr. G.S. Dhillon, AAG, Punjab, accepts notice on behalf of respondents No.1 to 3 (State).

5. In view of the above, the present petition is disposed of with a direction to respondent No.2 – Commissioner of Police, Ludhiana, to look into the representation dated 09.02.2023 (Annexure P-4), *qua* threat perception, and if there is any substance in it, take necessary steps, in accordance with law, to ensure that the lives and liberty of the petitioners are not jeopardized at the hands of the private respondents.

6. However, this direction will not validate the marriage said to have taken place between the parties and will have no effect on any civil or criminal action, which could be initiated in the matter in accordance with law.

(SANJAY VASHISTH)
JUDGE

14.02.2023

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Whether speaking/reasoned

Yes/No

Whether reportable

Yes/No