IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB & HARYANA AT CHANDIGARH

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2023:PHHC:112010
CRWP-8467-2023
Date of decision: August 28th, 2023

Riya Sharma and another

.....Petitioners

Versus

The State of Punjab and others

.....Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE MANJARI NEHRU KAUL

Present: Mr. Jagpal Singh, Advocate
for the petitioners.

MANJARI NEHRU KAUL, J. (ORAL)

Prayer in the instant petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India is for issuance of directions to respondent No.2, to protect the life and liberty of the petitioners, who apprehend threat to their life at the hands of private respondents No.4 and 5, who are stated to be family members of petitioner No.2.

2. Learned counsel for the petitioners submits that petitioner No.1, aged 20 years and petitioner No.2, aged 24 years, got married on 19.08.2023, against the wishes of family members of petitioner No.2, arrayed as respondents No.4 and 5. Ever since then, the petitioners are being threatened with dire consequences by the private respondents. Resultantly, a representation dated 19.08.2023 (Annexure P-5) was also made to respondent No.2-Commissioner of Police, Amritsar for protection of their life and liberty but in vain. Learned counsel submits that he would be satisfied if directions are issued to respondent No.2-Commissioner of Police, Amritsar, to look into their representation

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dated 19.08.2023 (Annexure P-5) and take appropriate steps at the earliest.

3. Notice of motion to official respondents only.

4. On asking of the Court, Mr. Inderpal Singh Sabharwal, Deputy Advocate General, Punjab, accepts notice on behalf of the official respondents.

5. In view of the above, the present petition is disposed of with a directions to respondent No.2-Commissioner of Police, Amritsar, to look into the representation dated 19.08.2023 (Annexure P-5) qua the alleged threat perception and take necessary steps, as may be required, in accordance with law, to ensure that the life and liberty of the petitioners is not jeopardized at the hands of the private respondents. 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.

August 28th, 2023 (**MANJARI NEHRU KAUL**)
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Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes

Whether reportable : No

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