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IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT
CHANDIGARH

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Date of decision: 08.11.2023

Gurpreet Kaur and another

....Petitioners

V/s

State of Punjab and others

....Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARPREET SINGH BRAR

Present: Mr. Anosh Samson, Advocate for the petitioners.

Ms. Navreet Kaur Barnala, AAG Punjab.

HARPREET SINGH BRAR, J. (Oral)

Learned counsel for the petitioners contends that the petitioners have married against the wishes of respondents No.4 to 6 and they seek protection to their life and liberty. Petitioner No.1 is stated to be major whereas petitioner No.2 is stated to be minor. They apprehend danger from respondents No. 4 to 6. The petitioners have submitted a representation dated 04.11.2023 (Annexure P-3) to respondent No.2, but no action has been taken so far.

Notice of motion to official respondents only.

Ms. Navreet Kaur Barnala, AAG Punjab, who is present in Court accepts notice for the official respondents. Counsel for the petitioners is directed to supply a copy of complete paper book to the counsel appearing for the State during the course of the day.

Without commenting on the validity of the marriage allegedly performed by the petitioners and entering upon an exercise to evaluate the

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evidentiary value of the documents placed on the file, I dispose of this petition with direction to respondent No.2 to decide the representation of the petitioners (Annexure P-3) within a period of one week from the date of receipt of a copy of this order and grant them protection, if there is any threat to their life and liberty. Even if the marriage is performed between the parties and it would be voidable at the instance of minor spouse. It is made clear that this order shall not be taken to protect the petitioners from legal action for violation of law, if any committed by them.

(HARPREET SINGH BRAR)
JUDGE

November 08, 2023
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Whether speaking/reasoned:	Yes/No
Whether reportable:	Yes/No