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2024:PHHC:042442

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

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Date of decision : 28.03.2024

Shikha Rani and another

... Petitioners

Versus

State of Punjab and others

... Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE VIKAS BAHL

Present: Ms. Hasan Kaur, Advocate
for the petitioners (Through VC)

Mr.Kunwarbir Singh, Asstt.A.G. Punjab.

VIKAS BAHL, J. (ORAL)

1. The present Criminal Writ Petition has been filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India for directing respondents no.2 and 3 to protect the life and liberty of the petitioners.

2. It is the case of the petitioners that they both are major inasmuch as petitioner no.1 was born on 15.10.1996 as is apparent from her Aadhar Card (Annexure P-1) and petitioner no.2 was born on 08.05.1988 as is apparent from his Aadhar Card (Annexure P-2), and have married each other on 14.03.2023, with their free consent and without any pressure and that this is their first marriage. Reliance has been placed upon the marriage certificate and photographs (Annexures P-3 and P-4). It is also stated by the learned counsel for the petitioners that a detailed representation dated 20.03.2024 (Annexure P-5) has also been given to respondent no.2 with

regard to the same.

3. Notice of motion to respondent nos.1 to 3 only.
4. On advance notice, Mr.Kunwarbir Singh, Asstt.A.G. Punjab, appears and accepts notice on behalf of respondent nos.1 to 3 and on a specific query put by this Court, he has stated that he has no objection in case, respondent no.2-Senior Superintendent of Police, Patiala, looks into the representation dated 20.03.2024 (Annexure P-5) and takes appropriate action in accordance with law.
5. After considering the above said 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- Senior Superintendent of Police, Patiala, to look into the representation dated 20.03.2024 (Annexure P-5) and after considering the threat perception to the petitioners, respondent no.2 will take appropriate action in accordance with law.
6. It is, however, clarified that this order shall not debar the State from proceeding against the petitioners, if involved in any other case.

March 28, 2024.
Davinder Kumar

(VIKAS BAHL)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned:-	Yes/No
Whether reportable:-	Yes/No