2024:PHHC:112088

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT CHANDIGARH

112 **CRWP-8300-2024**
Date of Decision : **August 30, 2024**

TANU RANI AND ANOTHER

.....Petitioner

VERSUS

STATE OF PUNJAB AND OTHERS

.....Respondent

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE KULDEEP TIWARI

Present : Mr. Gurpreet Singh, Advocate
for the petitioner.

KULDEEP TIWARI, J. (Oral)

1. Through the instant petition, as filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India, the petitioners have sought issuance of directions upon the respondents No.3 and 4 , to ensure protection of their lives and liberty at the hands of private respondents concerned, and, also to restrain the said private respondents from harassing the petitioners or interfering in their married life.

2. The learned counsel for the petitioners states that since both the petitioners have attained the minimum age, as prescribed by statute, for solemnizing marriage, therefore, they have lawfully solemnized their first marriage, however, it has caused grievance to the private respondents concerned. Such grievance of the private respondents concerned has made them apprehensive of danger to their lives and liberty and resultantly, it has

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constrained them to approach this Court, to seek protection of their lives and liberty. The marriage certificate evidencing marriage of the petitioners is available on record as Annexure P-3. The petitioners have also submitted a representation dated 24.8.2024 (Annexure P-4) to the respondent no.2.

3. Notice of motion to the official respondent(s) only.

4. On the asking of the Court, Mr. Pardeep Bajaj, DAG, Punjab, accepts notice on behalf of the official respondent(s).

5. Without entering upon an exercise to evaluate the evidentiary value of the documents placed on the file, the instant petition is disposed of with a direction to respondent no.2-Senior Superintendent of Police, SAS Nagar (Mohali), to decide the representation (Annexure P-4) of the petitioners and grant them protection, if any threat to their lives and liberty is perceived. It is clarified that this order shall not be taken to grant immunity to the petitioners from legal action for violation of law, if any, committed by them. This order shall not be understood to have expressed any opinion whatsoever by this Court on the validity of the marriage of the petitioners.

6. **Disposed** of accordingly.

(KULDEEP TIWARI)
JUDGE

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Whether speaking/reasoned. : Yes/No
Whether Reportable. : Yes/No

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