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IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT CHANDIGARH

CRM-W-110-2022 in/and CRWP-677-2022 (O&M) Date of decision: 04.02.2022

Yashpreet Kaur Mankoo and another

...Petitioners

Versus

State of Punjab and others

...Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE VIKAS BAHL

Present: Mr. Arun William, Advocate for

Mr. Shivraj Daumajra, Advocate for the petitioners.

Mr. Sarabjit S. Cheema, AAG, Punjab.

(Through Video Conferencing)

VIKAS BAHL, J. (ORAL)

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This is an application filed under Section 482 of Cr.P.C. for preponement of the date of hearing in the main case which is now stated to be listed for 14.02.2022 to an early date.

Notice in the application.

On advance notice, Mr. Sarabjit S. Cheema, AAG, Punjab, appears and accepts notice on behalf of the non-applicant/State of Punjab and has submitted that he has no objection in case the present application is allowed and the date of hearing in the main case is preponed from

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14.02.2022 to today itself for final disposal.

In view of the aforesaid facts and no objection from the opposite side, the present application is allowed and the date of hearing in the main case is preponed from 14.02.2022 to today and the same is taken on Board today itself for final disposal.

Main case

The present Criminal Writ Petition has been filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India for directing respondent Nos.2 and 3 to protect the life and liberty of the petitioners.

It is the case of the petitioners that they both are major inasmuch as petitioner No.1 was born on 21.11.1998 and petitioner No.2 was born on 20.05.1994, and have married each other on 20.01.2022, with their free consent and without any pressure and that this is their first marriage. Reliance has been placed upon Aadhaar Cards (Annexures P-1 and P-2), the Marriage Certificate (Annexure P-3) and Photographs (Annexure P-4). It is also stated by the learned counsel for the petitioners that a detailed representation dated 20.01.2022 (Annexure P-5) has also been given to respondent Nos.2 and 3 with regard to the same.

Notice of motion to respondent Nos.1 to 3 only.

On advance notice, Mr. Sarabjit S. Cheema, AAG, 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, looks into the representation dated 20.01.2022 (Annexure P-5) and takes appropriate

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action in accordance with law.

After considering the abovesaid 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 to look into the representation dated 20.01.2022 (Annexure P-5) and after considering the threat perception to the petitioners, respondent No.2 will take appropriate action in accordance with law.

It is, however, clarified that this order shall not debar the State from proceeding against the petitioners, if involved in any other case.

04.02.2022

(VIKAS BAHL) **JUDGE**

Pawan

Whether speaking/reasoned:-Yes/No

Whether reportable:-Yes/No