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IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT CHANDIGARH

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Decided on: 30.01.2025

YOGITA RANI AND ANR

... Petitioner(s)

Versus

STATE OF PUNJAB AND ORS

... Respondent(s)

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SANJAY VASHISTH

Present: Mr. Umesh Sharma, Advocate,

for the petitioner(s).

SANJAY VASHISTH, J. (Oral)

- 1. Prayer in the instant petition filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India, is for issuance of directions to official respondent Nos.2 and 3, to provide protection of lives and liberty of the petitioners, who have married against the wishes of private respondents.
- 2. Learned counsel for the petitioners submits that petitioner No.1 Yogita Rani, aged 21 years and petitioner No.2 Harpreet Singh, aged 27 years, have solemnized marriage on 17.01.2025, against the wishes of their family members, arrayed as respondent Nos.4 to 7. Learned counsel for the petitioner disclosed that the petitioner No.2 Harpreet Singh was though earlier married, by virtue of a decree of divorce passed under Section 13-B of the Hindu Marriage Act, he got separated with his earlier wife namely Sukhpreet Kaur. It has also been submitted that the private respondents are threatening to interfere in the matrimonial life of the petitioners. Hence, the petitioners are seeking protection in that regard and have approached this Court by way of filing the instant petition. They have also submitted a

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representation dated 22.01.2025 (Annexure P-8), to respondent No.2 – Sr. Superintendent of Police, Hoshiarpur, wherein, they have expressed their apprehension.

- 3. Notice of motion to respondent Nos.1 to 3 only.
- 4. On asking of the Court, Mr. Amandeep Singh, DAG, Punjab, accepts notice on behalf of respondent Nos.1 to 3 (State).

Let requisite copies of the complete paper book be supplied to learned State counsel during course of the day.

- 5. In view of the above, the present petition is disposed of with a direction to respondent No.2 Sr. Superintendent of Police, Hoshiarpur, to look into the representation dated 22.01.2025 (Annexure P-8), *qua* threat perception, and if there is any substance in it, take necessary steps, in accordance with law, to ensure that the lives and liberty of the petitioners are not jeopardized at the hands of the private respondents.
- 6. 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.

(SANJAY VASHISTH) JUDGE

30.01.2025

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