

WPCRL No.886 OF 2014

Hon'ble V. K. Bist, A.C.J.

Hon'ble U. C. Dhyani, J.

Mr. Sandeep Kothari, Advocate present for the petitioners.

Mr. A. S. Gill, Deputy Advocate General with Mr. H. S. Rawal, Brief Holder (Criminal) present for the State of Uttarakhand.

By means of present criminal writ petition, the petitioners seek a writ, order or direction commanding the respondents no.1 & 2 to provide police protection to the petitioners. They also seek a direction commanding the respondent no.3 not to harass the petitioners.

Both the petitioners are present in person before the Court, duly identified by their counsel Mr. Sandeep Kothari. Both appear to be major. Petitioner no.1 has filed her High School Certificate issued by the Uttaranchal Shiksha Evam Pariksha Parishad indicating therein that her date of birth is 11.01.1990, according to which, she is about 24 years of age. She says before this Court that she married with petitioner no.2 on her own volition. Petitioner no.2 affirmed the same. Their marriage is registered with the Registrar Compulsory Registration of Marriages, Bazpur, Udham Singh Nagar, *vide* registration certificate dated 16.05.2014 (Annexure-3 to the petition). The marriage took place on 13.01.2014 when the petitioner no.1 attained the age of majority. They stated before this Court that the police may be directed to grant them security / police protection, as the respondent no.3 (father of petitioner no.1) is threatening them.

In the light of the aforesaid, the writ petition is disposed of directing the Senior Superintendent of Police, District Udham Singh Nagar to grant police protection to the petitioners, as and when

required. Respondent no.3, father of petitioner no.1, is directed not to harass the petitioners in relation to their living together. A certified copy of the order alongwith the photocopy of the joint affidavit filed in this writ petition shall be annexed, certified copy of which will be submitted by the petitioners before the concerned Police Station, who, in turn, will send a copy of the same to respondent no.3. In the event respondent no.3 is aggrieved by the order, it would be open to him to file a recall application within four weeks from the date of the receipt of the copy of the order.

(U. C. Dhyani, J.) (V. K. Bist, A.C.J.)

Dated 31.07.2014