

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

CRM-M-19869 of 2015 (O&M)

Date of decision: 15.06.2015

Amarjit Kaur and another

... Petitioners

versus

State of Punjab and others

.... Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE K. KANNAN

Present: Mr. Sarvesh Kumar Gupta, Advocate for the petitioners.

Mr. R.S. Pathania, Deputy Advocate General, Punjab.

K.Kannan, J.

The petition is for protection of life and liberty of the petitioners who apprehend that private respondents could cause bodily harm to them since they have married without the concurrence of the respective parents. The petitioners have produced the election identity card and the photograph respectively for proof of their age that is more than 21 years respectively. The copy of the certificate issued by the *Granthi* of *Gurudwara* is also produced to show that they have married and I am prima facie of the view that they are bound to be protected and the petitioners will have the liberty of consideration of the request for the 3rd respondent.

The 3rd respondent will consider the petitioners' plea and accord protection to the petitioners as there is under circumstances a definite apprehension of threat to life and also collect proof adduced by them regarding their marital status and age.

This order shall not be taken as constituting proof for validity of the marriage or proof of the respective ages. This will also not preclude for prosecution of the case for committing any cognizable

offence, if investigation yields to such implication against any one of the petitioners. The protection which is granted is only for the purpose of the disposal of the petition irrespective of whether they are lawfully married or not since they claim to be more than 21 years of age and are bound to be protected in their life and liberty.

The petition is disposed of.

Copy of the order be given under the signatures of Bench Secretary.

15.06.2015

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JUDGE