

**IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT
CHANDIGARH**

CRM No.M- 3339 of 2015 (O&M)

Date of Decision: 30.01.2015

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Santosh Rani and another

..... PETITIONER (s)

Versus

State of Punjab and others

..... RESPONDENT (s)

CORAM:- HON'BLE MRS.JUSTICE LISA GILL

Present: Petitioners in person with
 Ms. Riffi Birla, Advocate
 for the petitioners.

LISA GILL, J.

The present petition has been filed by the petitioners for protection of their life and liberty as they apprehend danger at the hands of respondents No. 5 to 8 and other relatives because they are stated to have contracted marriage between themselves on 28.01.2015 against the wishes of the said respondents. Both the petitioners are present in Court and on being asked submit that they have contracted marriage between themselves out of their free will and volition.

It is contended that the petitioners are major, their dates of birth being 13.06.1994 and 18.06.1988, respectively. True copies of Matriculation Examination Certificate of both the petitioners have been appended with the petition as Annexures P1 and P2. A copy of the Marriage Certificate and the photographs of the marriage are also placed on

record as Annexures P3 and P4. The petitioners are stated to have submitted a representation dated 29.01.2015 (Annexure P5) to respondent No.2 i.e., the Senior Superintendent of Police, Fazilka for redressal of their grievance.

Notice of motion to the Advocate General, Punjab.

On the asking of the Court, Mr. Kirat Singh Sidhu, DAG, Punjab who is present in the Court, accepts notice on behalf of respondents No.1 to 4. Three copies of the petition have been handed over to learned State counsel.

Without commenting upon the age of the petitioners or the validity of their marriage or the validity and genuineness of the certificates appended with the petition, respondent No.2 – Senior Superintendent of Police, Fazilka is directed to decide the representation dated 29.01.2015 submitted by the petitioners and take appropriate action keeping in view the threat perception to the petitioners.

It is, however, made clear that this order shall have no effect on the validity of the alleged marriage of the petitioners and neither will any other civil or criminal proceedings initiated against the petitioners be barred due to this order.

Petition is disposed of accordingly.

January 30, 2015
rts

(LISA GILL)
JUDGE