

**IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANAAT
CHANDIGARH**

Crl. Misc. No.M- 5958 of 2015(O&M)

Date of Decision: February 21, 2015.

Pooja and another

..... PETITIONER (s)

Versus

State of Punjab and others

..... RESPONDENT (s)

CORAM:- HON'BLE MRS.JUSTICE LISA GILL

Present: Petitioners in person with
 Mr. Sarvesh Kumar Gupta, 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.4 to 6 and other relatives because they are stated to have contracted marriage between themselves on 18.02.2015 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 15.05.1996 and 20.08.1989, respectively. True copies of Adhaar Cards of both the petitioners have been appended with the petition as Annexures P1 and

P2 though perusal of Annexure P2 shows that no specific date is mentioned and only the year of birth i.e., 1989 has been mentioned. A copy of the Marriage Certificate and the photographs of the marriage are also placed on record as Annexures P3 and P4. Petitioner No.1 is stated to have submitted a representation dated 18.02.2015 (Annexure P5) to respondent No.2 i.e., the Senior Superintendent of Police, Jalandhar for redressal of their grievance.

Notice of motion to the Advocate General, Punjab.

On the asking of the Court, Mr. Neeraj Sharma, Assistant Advocate General, Punjab who is present in the Court, accepts notice on behalf of respondents No.1 to 3. Two 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 – Superintendent of Police, Jalandhar is directed to decide representation dated 18.02.2015 submitted by petitioner No.1 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.

(LISA GILL)
JUDGE

February 21, 2015.
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