

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

Crl. Misc. No.M- 6644 of 2015(O&M)

Date of Decision: February 27, 2015.

Suma Bibi 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. R.S.Manhas, 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 7 and other relatives because they are stated to have contracted marriage between themselves on 23.02.2015 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 13.05.1995 and 01.01.1992, 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 P1 shows that no specific date is mentioned and only the year of birth i.e., 1995 has been mentioned. A copy of the Marriage Certificate is placed on record as Annexure P3.

Learned counsel for the petitioners submits that this petition be treated to be a representation and necessary protection be provided to the petitioners by respondent No.3.

Notice of motion to the Advocate General, Punjab.

On the asking of the Court, Mr. S.S.Chaudhary, Deputy Advocate General, Punjab who is present in the Court, accepts notice on behalf of respondents No.1 to 4. 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.3 – Senior Superintendent of Police, Pathankot is directed to treat this petition to be a representation on behalf of 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.

(LISA GILL)
JUDGE

February 27, 2015.
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