

CWP No.11681 of 2015

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

CWP No.11681 of 2015**Date of Decision: May 29, 2015****Navjot Singh & another**

...Petitioners

Versus

State of Punjab & another

...Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE AUGUSTINE GEORGE MASIH

Present: Mr. Bhajan Singh Sodhi, Advocate
for the petitioners.

AUGUSTINE GEORGE MASIH, J. (Oral):

Counsel for the petitioner contends that the petitioner has got married as per the Sikh Rights at Village and Post Office Laroi, Tehsil Bhogpur, District Jalandhar on 23.05.2015 and had approached the Registrar Marriages, Tehsil Bhogpur, District Jalandhar, on 24.05.2015 (Annexure P-4) but the application of the petitioners is not being accepted on the ground that petitioner No.2 is an American citizen. He refers to the order passed by the Hon'ble Supreme Court in Transfer Petition (C) No.291 of 2005, titled as 'Seema Vs. Ashwani Kumar', decided on 09.07.2008 (Annexure P-5) to contend that the Registrar is required to register the marriage if the same is presented and there is no legal impediment in doing so. Counsel, thus, contends that the petitioner, at this stage, would be satisfied if a direction is issued to the Registrar Marriages, Teshil Bhogpur, District Jalandhar-respondent No.2 to accept the request of

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the petitioners for registration of their marriage dated 24.05.2015 (Annexure P-4) and take a decision thereon, in accordance with law, within some specified time.

In the light of the statement made by the counsel for the petitioners, the present petition is disposed of without going into merits of the case and commenting thereon, with directions to the Registrar Marriages, Teshil Bhogpur, District Jalandhar-respondent No.2 to accept the application dated 24.05.2015 (Annexure P-4) of the petitioners and thereafter proceed to decide the same, in accordance with law, within a period of one week from the date of receipt of copy of this order. Decision so taken be conveyed to the petitioners forthwith.

Copy of this order be given *dasti* to the counsel for the petitioners under the signatures of the Special Secretary of this Court.

May 29, 2015

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**(AUGUSTINE GEORGE MASIH)
JUDGE**