

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

**Crl. Misc. No.M-20844 of 2016(O&M)
Date of Decision: 9th June, 2016.**

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
Mr.Vikram Sheoran, Advocate
for the petitioners.

LISA GILL, J.

Present petition has been filed by the petitioners for protection of their life and liberty as they apprehend danger at the hands of respondent No.4 and other relatives because they have contracted marriage between themselves on 6.06.2016 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, date of birth of petitioner No. 2 being 01.01.1993. Petitioner No. 1 asserts herself to be nineteen years old though no document has been produced and neither is the date of birth mentioned. Affidavit of petitioner No. 1 and true copy of Aadhar card of petitioner No. 2 have been appended with the petition as a

proof of date of birth i.e. Annexures P1 and P2. Photographs of the marriage are also placed on record as Annexure P-3 though the place where they got married is not mentioned in the petition. The petitioners are stated to have submitted a representation dated 6.06.2016 (Annexure P-4) to respondent No.2 i.e., the Senior Superintendent of Police, Hoshiarpur for redressal of their grievance.

Notice of motion to the Advocate General, Punjab.

On the asking of the Court, Mr. Ankur Jain, Assistant Advocate General, Punjab who is present in the Court, accepts notice on behalf of respondents No.1 to 3. 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, Hoshiarpur is directed to decide representation dated 6.06.2016 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.

9th June, 2016
Shivani Kaushik

[LISA GILL]
Judge