

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

**C.R.M-M No.20951 of 2016
Date of Decision : 26.07.2016**

Shruti and another

..... Petitioners

Versus

State of U.T., Chandigarh and others

..... Respondents

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE AJAY TEWARI

Present : None for the petitioners.

Ms. Ashima Mor, APP, U.T.

AJAY TEWARI, J. (Oral)

On 13.06.2016 the following order was passed:-

“The petitioners, who are present in the Court, are seeking protection of their lives and liberty at the hands of respondents No.4 and 5, who are stated to be the parents of petitioner No.1, on account of the fact that they have married each other of their own free will, against the wishes of the said respondents on 08.06.2016. Photographs of the marriage ceremony have been annexed with the petition.

As per copies of the identity card issued by the Unique Identification Authority of India of the petitioners, annexed with the petition, (the originals of which have been produced in Court), the petitioners are shown to be of legally marriageable age.

On a specific query put to learned counsel for the petitioners, it has been stated that neither are the petitioners in any prohibited relationship to each other, nor has any of them been married earlier.

Notice of motion, returnable on 26.07.2016.

Meanwhile, without making any comment on the validity of the marriage, since protection of life and liberty is a fundamental right of every citizen under Article 21 of the Constitution of India, respondents No.2 and 3 are directed to ensure that the lives and liberty of the petitioners are not put to any harm or threat at the hands of the aforesaid respondents or at their behest.”

Learned State Counsel is not in a position to deny the majority of the petitioners.

Resultantly, the petition is allowed. The interim order dated 13.06.2016 is made absolute.

Since the main case has been decided, the pending criminal miscellaneous application, if any, also stands disposed of.

26.07.2016

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**(AJAY TEWARI)
JUDGE**

Whether speaking/reasoned

Yes/No

Whether Reportable :

Yes/No