

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

CRM-M No.21013 of 2016
Date of decision: 08.07.2016

Vandana Devi & anr.

.... Petitioners

versus

State of Haryana & ors.

.... Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE AJAY TEWARI

Present: Mr. M.S.Rana, Advocate
for the petitioners.

Mr. Kuldeep Tiwari, Addl. AG, Haryana.

Mr. A.S.Sullar, Advocate
for UT, Chandigarh.

Mr. Balbir Kumar Saini, Advocate
for respondents No.5 to 10.

1. Whether Reporters of Local Newspapers may be allowed to see the judgment ?
2. To be referred to the Reporters or not ?
3. Whether the judgment should be reported in the Digest ?

Ajay Tewari, J.(Oral)

The petitioners are seeking protection of their lives and liberty at the hands of respondents No.4 to 10, who are stated to be the parents, brother and immediate relatives of petitioner No.1, on account of the fact that they have married each other of their own free will on 10.06.2016. They are stated to be major. Petitioner No.1 in support of her age proof, has placed on record Voter ID Card (Annexure P-1) which depicts her date of birth as 02.01.1994. Petitioner No.2 in support of his age proof has also placed on record Voter ID Card (Annexure P-2) wherein he has deposed that his date of birth is 05.05.1994. They have already moved a representation before the Commissioner of Police, Ambala for protecting their life and liberty. Copy of the representation is annexed as Annexure P-5.

Learned counsel for the private respondents has pointed out that in terms of the last order dated 14.06.2016, a report has been received from Deputy Commissioner of Police, Ambala, which has corroborated the fact that the petitioners are in sapinda relationship and therefore, their marriage is per se illegal.

Learned counsel for the petitioners, on the other hand, has argued that even if this fact is correct yet that can never justify that the petitioners be harmed. He has further stated that the petitioners will not go back to the village.

In these circumstances, the present petition is disposed of with a direction to respondent No.2 – Deputy Commissioner of Police, Ambala to decide the representation dated 10.06.2016.

Copy of the order be given dasti to the counsel for UT, Chandigarh, who is directed to release petitioner No.1 on receiving the order. Till that time, she would be taken back to the protection home.

The criminal miscellaneous petition stands disposed off.

July 08, 2016
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JUDGE