

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

CRM-M-33181 of 2016 (O&M)

Date of decision : 19.09.2016

Reetu and another

...Petitioners

Versus

State of Punjab and others

...Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE JITENDRA CHAUHAN

Present: Mr. Anterpreet Singh, Advocate for the petitioners.

Petitioners in person.

JITENDRA CHAUHAN, J. (Oral)

Learned counsel for the petitioners states that petitioner No.1 is major and residing with the family of petitioner No.2 with her own sweet free will, whereas the age of petitioner No.2 is about 19 years and 11 months. They have solemnized marriage on 13.09.2016. After the marriage they have been residing together as husband and wife and consummated during the subsistence of the marriage. He cites '**Rajwinder Kaur and another Vs. State of Punjab and others**', 2014(4) RCR (Criminal) 785, to contend that the petitioner No.2 has reached the age of discretion. Their marriage is opposed by respondent Nos.4 & 5.

Notice of motion.

At the asking of the Court, Mr. Mehardeep Singh, Addl. A.G., Punjab, accepts notice on behalf of the respondent-State of Punjab. A complete copy of the paper book has been furnished to the learned State counsel, in the Court.

Without expressing any opinion with regard to validity of marriage and on the merits of the assertions made in the petition, the instant petition is disposed of with the direction to respondent No.2-Senior Superintendent of Police, Amritsar (Rural), to consider and decide the representation dated 13.09.2016 (Annexure P-5) of the petitioners and provide necessary protection to them, if he is satisfied that the life and liberty of the petitioners is threatened at the hands of respondent Nos.4 & 5, in accordance with law.

Disposed of.

19.09.2016

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(JITENDRA CHAUHAN)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned: Yes / No

Whether reportable: Yes / No