

Criminal Misc. M- No. 12125 of 2017 (O&M)

Date of decision : April 07, 2017

Pooja and another

.....Petitioners

Versus

State of Punjab and others

....Respondents

CORAM:- HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE LISA GILLPresent: Mr. Sandeep Godara, Advocate
for the petitioners.

LISA GILL, J.

The present petition has been filed by the petitioners for protection of their life and liberty as they apprehend danger at the hands of respondents No. 4 to 9 and other relatives because they have married each other on 30.03.2017 against the wishes of the said respondents. Both the petitioners, duly identified by their counsel, are present in Court and on being asked submit that they have solemnized marriage between themselves out of their own free will and volition.

It is contended that the petitioners are major, their dates of birth being 02.10.1997 and 06.02.1995, respectively. True copies of Middle Class Certificate of petitioner No. 1 and Fifth Class Certificate of petitioner No. 2 have been appended with the petition as Annexures P1 and P2, respectively. The photographs of the marriage and a copy of the Marriage Certificate are on record as Annexures P3 and P4, respectively. It is submitted that the petitioners have submitted a representation dated 02.04.2017 (Annexure P5)

to respondent No.2 i.e., the Senior Superintendent of Police, Batala, for redressal of their grievance but no action has been taken thereon.

Notice of motion to the Advocate General, Punjab.

On the asking of the Court, Mr. Deep Singh, AAG, Punjab accepts notice on behalf of respondents No.1 to 3. A copy of the petition has been handed over to learned counsel for the State.

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, Batala is directed to decide representation dated 02.04.2017 (Annexure P5) 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.

April 07, 2017
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(Lisa Gill)
Judge

Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes

Whether reportable : Yes/No