

IN THE HIGH COURT FOR THE STATES OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

Crl. Misc. No.M-17034 of 2017 (O&M)
Date of Decision: May 12, 2017

Harjeet Kaur and another

...Petitioners

Versus

State of Punjab and others

...Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE AMOL RATTAN SINGH

Present:- Mr. Amandeep Chhabra, Advocate, for the petitioners.

Amol Rattan Singh, J. (Oral)

The petitioners, who are present in the court, are seeking protection of their lives and liberty at the hands of respondents No.4 to 8, who are stated to be parents and other immediate relatives 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 11.05.2017. Photographs of what is stated to be a marriage ceremony have been annexed with the petition.

As regards proof of age of petitioner no.2, his original Aadhar Card, issued by the Unique Identification Authority of India, showing his date of birth to be 09.04.1994, has been produced in Court. However, as regards the age of petitioner no.1, no firm proof has been produced in Court with only her own affidavit having been annexed with the petition as Annexure P-1, stating therein that her date of birth is 22.01.1997.

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.

Consequently, since protection of life and liberty is a fundamental right of every citizen under Article 21 of the Constitution of India, this petition is disposed of with a direction to respondents No.2 and 3 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.

However, it is made clear that if any of the averments made in the petition is found to be incorrect, specifically with regard to that either the petitioners being in any prohibited relationship to each other, or as regards their previous marital status, or with regard to their age, this order shall not be construed to be a bar on proceedings initiated as per law.

May 12, 2017
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(**Amol Rattan Singh**)
Judge

Whether speaking/reasoned: Yes
Whether reportable: No