

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

Crl. Misc. No.M-17116 of 2017 (O&M)
Date of Decision: May 16, 2017

Kuldeep and another

...Petitioners

Versus

State of Haryana and others

...Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE AMOL RATTAN SINGH

Present:- Mr. Ajay Kamboj, Advocate for
Mr. P.S. Jammu, Advocate, for the petitioners.

Amol Rattan Singh, J. (Oral)

Upon it being pointed to the learned counsel for the petitioners that as per the copy of the original Aadhar Card of petitioner no.1 produced in Court today, his date of birth is shown to be 01.01.1996, whereas in the petition he is stated to be 25 years old, he has corrected it in the petition in ink, under his signatures.

The Registry is directed to make the necessary corrections as per the contention of the learned counsel with regard to the age of petitioner no.1, in the computerized copy of the petition.

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 parents of petitioner No.2, on account of the fact that they have married each other of their own free will, against the wishes of the said respondents on 08.05.2017. Photographs of what is stated to be a marriage ceremony have been annexed with the petition.

As regards proof of age of petitioner no.1, his original Aadhar Card, issued by the Unique Identification Authority of India, showing his

date of birth to be 01.01.1996, has been produced in Court, as already noticed. As regards the age of petitioner no.2, her original 5th Standard School Examination Certificate, issued by the District Primary Education Officer, Sirsa, has been produced in Court, showing her date of birth to be 05.05.1998.

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 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 16, 2017
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[Amol Rattan Singh]
Judge