

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

**Criminal Misc.No.M-18552 of 2017 (O&M)  
Date of Decision : 22<sup>nd</sup> May, 2017**

Amanjot Kaur and another

..... Petitioners

Versus

State of Punjab and others

..... Respondents

**CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE AMOL RATTAN SINGH**

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Present : Ms. Sunita Nambiar, Advocate  
for the petitioners.

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**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 respondent Nos.4 and 5, who are stated to be parents 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 18.05.2017. Photographs of what is stated to be a marriage ceremony have been annexed with the petition.

As regards proof of age of petitioners, their original Aadhar Cards, issued by the Unique Identification Authority of India, showing date of birth of petitioner No.1 to be 05.07.1997 and date of birth of petitioner No.2 to be 13.02.1993, have been produced in Court.

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 Nos.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.

**(AMOL RATTAN SINGH)**  
**JUDGE**

**22<sup>nd</sup> May, 2017**

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Whether speaking/reasoned

Yes/No

*Whether Reportable :*

*Yes/No*