

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

**CRM-M-18963 of 2017 (O&M)  
Date of decision : May 24, 2017**

Johns Kumar and another

... Petitioners

**VERSUS**

State of Punjab and others

... Respondents

**CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SURINDER GUPTA**

Present: Petitioners in person with  
Mr. Sanjeev Kumar Bawa, Advocate.

**SURINDER GUPTA, J.(Oral)**

Learned counsel for petitioners submits that petitioners have filed this petition seeking protection of their life and liberty alleging that petitioner No.1-Johns Kumar, who is major, has married petitioner No.2-Manisha, who is below 18 years of age, against the wishes of respondents No. 4 to 8, who are mother, brother and other relatives of petitioner No. 2. Apprehending danger to their lives and liberty, they moved representation dated 18.05.2017 (Annexure P-9) to Senior Superintendent of Police, Kapurthala. He confines the relief claimed in this petition for direction to respondent No. 2 to look into the representation of petitioners and take appropriate action in accordance with law.

In view of the submission of learned counsel for the petitioners, but without expressing any opinion on the validity of marriage of petitioners, petition is disposed of with direction to respondent No.2-Senior Superintendent of Police, Kapurthala, to look into the representation dated 18.05.2017 (Annexure P-9) and take appropriate action in accordance with law, on receipt of copy of this order along with representation in his office.

However, it is made clear that this order will have no effect on the validity of alleged marriage of the petitioners or on any other civil or criminal proceedings instituted or intended against them under any law including the provisions of Prohibition of Child Marriage Act, 2006.

**May 23, 2017.**  
*Jyoti-II*

**(SURINDER GUPTA)**  
**JUDGE**

***Whether speaking/reasoned: Yes/No***

***Whether Reportable: Yes/No***