

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

Crl. Misc. No. M-20843 of 2017 (O&M)

Date of Decision: June 02, 2017

Rupinderjeet Kaur and another

...Petitioners

Versus

State of Punjab and others

...Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE AMOL RATTAN SINGH

Present:- Mr. Amit Gupta, 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 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 31.05.2017. Photographs of what is stated to be a marriage ceremony have been annexed with the petition.

As regards proof of age of the petitioners, typed copies of the Aadhar Cards issued by the Unique Identification Authority of India, have been annexed with the petition as Annexures P-1 and P-2 respectively, showing the dates of birth of petitioners. Learned counsel for the petitioner has also produced the original Voter Identity Cards of the petitioners, showing the date of birth of petitioner no. 1

to be 23.02.1997 and that of petitioner no. 2 to be 02.06.1993.

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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.

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(Amol Rattan Singh)
Judge

Whether speaking/reasoned: Yes/No

Whether reportable: Yes/No