

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB & HARYANA AT CHANDIGARH.

CRM No.M-21682 of 2017

Date of decision:12.6.2017

Lakshita Sharma and another

... Petitioners

versus

State of Haryana and others

... Respondents

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

Present: Mr.S.S.Momi, 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 respondents no.4 to 6, who are stated to be the parents and uncle of petitioner no.1, on account of the fact that they have married each other of their own free will on 8.6.2017. Photographs of what is stated to be a marriage ceremony have been annexed with the petition.

In support of proof of age of petitioner no.1, though a copy of her Aadhar Card has been annexed with the petition, however, her Secondary School Examination Certificate, issued by the Central Board of Secondary Education, Delhi, has been produced in Court, showing her date of birth as 17.1.1997, thus making her more than 20 years of age.

As regards petitioner No.2, though a copy of PAN Card has been annexed with the petition, however, his High School Examination Certificate issued issued by the Board of Secondary Education, Madhya Pradesh, Bhopal, has been produced in Court, showing his date of birth to be 12.5.1995, thus making him more than 22 years of age.

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. He states that he has obtained specific instructions from the petitioners in that regard.

Consequently, since protection of lives and liberty is a fundamental right of every citizen enshrined in 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 any proceedings initiated as per law.

12.6.2017
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(AMOL RATTAN SINGH)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned
Whether Reportable

Yes/No
Yes/No