

**CRM-M No.21726 of 2017**

**Date of Decision: June 13, 2017**

Sonia and another

.....Petitioners

Versus

State of Punjab and others

....Respondents

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

Present : Mr. Gurjit S Latheri, 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 respondent No.4 who is stated to be the mother of petitioner No.1, on account of the fact that they have married each other of their own free will on 02.06.2017. Photographs of what is stated to be a marriage ceremony have been annexed with the petition.

As per copies of the Matriculation Examination Certificates issued by the Punjab School Education Board to the petitioners, (the originals of which have been produced in Court), they are shown to be of the legally marriageable 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 respondent or at her 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.

**June 13, 2017**

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**(AMOL RATTAN SINGH)  
JUDGE**

Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes/No

Whether reportable : Yes/No