

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

CRM-M-22135-2017

Date of decision: 16.06.2017

Gurjit Kaur & Another

...Petitioners

Vs.

The State of Punjab & Others

...Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE AMOL RATTAN SINGH

Present : Mr. Rajan Bhargava, 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 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 09.05.2017. Photographs of what is stated to be a marriage ceremony have been annexed with the petition.

In support of proof of age of the petitioners, typed copies of the Aadhar Cards issued by the Unique Identification Authority of India and matriculation certificates issued by the Punjab School Education Board, have been annexed with the petition, showing their dates of birth to be 01.01.1997 and 28.02.1987, thus making them about 20 years and 30 years of age, respectively. Learned counsel for the petitioners has also produced original matriculation certificates of the petitioners to the same effect.

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 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 proceedings initiated as per law.

June 16, 2017
Ansari/Shabha

(AMOL RATTAN SINGH)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned
Whether reportable

Yes/No
Yes/No