

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

**CRM-M-22251-2017
Date of decision: 16.06.2017**

Shilpa & Another

...Petitioners

Vs.

State of Punjab & Others

...Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE AMOL RATTAN SINGH

Present : Mr. Parminder Singh, 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 the parents of petitioner No. 1, on account of the fact that they have married each other of their own free will on 26.05.2017. Photographs of what is stated to be a marriage ceremony have been annexed with the petition.

In support of proof of age of petitioner No. 1, a typed copy of the matriculation certificate issued by the Punjab School Education Board, has been annexed with the petition, (the original of which has been produced in Court), showing her date of birth to be 24.11.1993, thus making her about 23 years of age.

As regards petitioner No. 2, a typed copy of the Aadhar Card issued by the Unique Identification Authority of India has been annexed with the petition showing his year of birth to be 1988. Learned counsel for the petitioner has also produced the original matriculation certificate of

petitioner No. 2 issued by the Punjab School Education Board, showing his date of birth to be 04.02.1988, thus making him about 29 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.

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