

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

**Crl. Misc. No.M- 22414 of 2017 (O&M)
Date of decision : June 22, 2017**

Amarnath Pandey and another

... Petitioners

VERSUS

State of Punjab and others

... Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SURINDER GUPTA

Present: Petitioners in person with
Mr. Gourave Bhayya Gilhotra, Advocate.

SURINDER GUPTA, J.(Oral)

Learned counsel for petitioners submits that petitioners have filed this petition seeking protection of their life and liberty alleging that petitioner No.1-Amarnath Pandey, who is major, has married petitioner No.2-Shiksha Shukla, who is below 18 years of age, against the wishes of respondents No. 7 to 10, who are father, brothers and other relative of petitioner No. 2. Apprehending danger to their lives and liberty, they moved representation dated 18.06.2017 (Annexure P-4) to Commissioner of Police, Ludhiana. He confines the relief claimed in this petition for direction to respondent No. 2 to look into the representation of petitioners and take appropriate action in accordance with law.

In view of the submission of learned counsel for the petitioners, but without expressing any opinion on the validity of marriage of petitioners, petition is disposed of with direction to respondent No.2- Commissioner of Police, Ludhiana to look into the representation dated 18.06.2017 (Annexure P-4) and take appropriate action in accordance with law, on receipt of copy

of this order along with representation in his office.

However, it is made clear that this order will have no effect on the validity of alleged marriage of the petitioners or on any other civil or criminal proceedings instituted or intended against them under any law including the provisions of Prohibition of Child Marriage Act, 2006.

June 22, 2017.
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(SURINDER GUPTA)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned: ***Yes/No***

Whether Reportable: ***Yes/No***