

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

CRM No. M-23820 of 2017
Date of Decision : 10.07.2017

Etma @ Anchal and another

...Petitioners

Versus

State of Haryana and others

...Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL

Present: Mr. Vishavjeet Singh, Advocate for the petitioners.

Anupinder Singh Grewal, J.(Oral)

The petitioners are seeking a direction to respondents No. 1 to 3 to protect their life and liberty as they apprehend danger from respondents No. 4 to 8.

It is stated in the petition that the date of birth of petitioner No. 1 is 09.03.2001 and petitioner No. 2 is 01.01.1994. Affidavit of petitioner No. 1 and copy of Adhaar Card of petitioner No. 2 are annexed with the petition as Annexures P-1 and P-2. They are stated to have solemnized their marriage on 10.06.2017 and the photographs in this regard are annexed as Annexure P-3. It is further stated in the petition that the petitioners had also made a representation dated 12.06.2017 (Annexure P-4) to the Senior Superintendent of Police, District Mewat, Haryana but no action has so far been taken thereon.

Learned counsel for the petitioner contends that although the petitioner No. 1 is a minor but she is entitled to protect of her life and

liberty. He has placed reliance upon judgments in the case of *Neelam Rani and another Vs. State of Haryana and others*, 2011(1) RCR(Civil) 636 and in CRM No. M-42206 of 2016 titled *Balkar Singh and another Vs. State of Haryana and others*, decided on 23.11.2016, wherein directions were given to protect the life of a minor girl, who had married against the wishes of her parents.

Issue notice to respondents.

At the asking of the Court, Mr. Tanuj Sharma, AAG, Haryana, accepts notice on behalf of respondents No. 1 to 3.

Without expressing any opinion on the evidentiary value of the documents placed on the file, the petition is disposed of with a direction to respondent No. 2-Senior Superintendent of Police, District Mewat, Haryana, to decide the representation of the petitioners within a period of one month from the date of receipt of certified copy of this order and grant them protection, if any threat to their life and liberty is perceived. It is made clear that this order shall not be taken to protect the petitioners from legal action for violation of law, if any, committed by them.

(ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL)
JUDGE

July 10, 2017
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Whether speaking/reasoned? Yes

Whether reportable? No