

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

Crl. Misc. No. M-24845 of 2017

Date of Decision : July 14,2017

Lachho Devi and another Petitioners

VERSUS

State of Haryana and others Respondents

CORAM : HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE LISA GILL

1. Whether reporters of local papers may be allowed to see the judgment?
2. To be referred to the reporters or not?
3. Whether the judgment should be reported in the digest?

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Present: Mr. Gurpreet Singh Aulakh, Advocate
for the petitioners.

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LISA GILL, J. (Oral)

The present petition has been filed by the petitioners for protection of their life and liberty as they apprehend danger at the hands of respondents No. 4 to 8 as they have married each other on 29.06.2017 against the wishes of the said respondents. Both the petitioners, duly identified by their counsel, are present in Court and on being asked submit that they have solemnized marriage between themselves out of their own free will and volition.

It is contended that the petitioners are major, their dates of birth being 10.06.1992 and 10.10.1991 respectively. True copies of Aadhar Cards of both the petitioners have been appended with the petition as Annexures P1 and P2 respectively. Marriage Certificate dated 29.06.2017

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respectively. It is submitted that the petitioners submitted a representation dated 03.07.2017 (Annexure P5) to respondent No.2 i.e. the Superintendent of Police, Sirsa for redressal of their grievance but no action has been taken thereon.

Notice of motion to the Advocate General, Haryana.

On the asking of the Court, Mr. Anmol Malik, Assistant Advocate General, Haryana accepts notice on behalf of respondents No.1 to 3. A copy of the petition has been handed over to learned counsel for the State.

Without commenting upon the validity of the marriage of the petitioners or the validity and genuineness of the documents/photographs appended with the petition, respondent No.2-Superintendent of Police, Sirsa is directed to decide the representation dated 03.07.2017 submitted by the petitioners and take appropriate action keeping in view the threat perception to the petitioners.

It is, however, made clear that this order shall have no effect on the validity of the alleged marriage of the petitioners and neither will any other civil or criminal proceedings initiated against the petitioners be barred due to this order.

Petition is disposed of accordingly.

14.07.2017
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JUDGE

Note: Whether speaking/reasoned

Yes / No

Whether Reportable:

Yes / No