

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

**CRM-M No.30042 of 2011 (O&M)
Date of decision : December 07, 2017**

Priya Thakur and another Petitioners

Versus

State of Punjab and others Respondents

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE KULDIP SINGH

Present:- Ms. Savi, Advocate for
Mr. Anupam Gupta, Sr. Advocate, Amicus Curiae.

Ms. Monika Jalota, DAG, Punjab.

Ms. Ashima Mor, APP for U.T., Chandigarh.

Mr. Pawan Garg, AAG, Haryana.

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

KULDIP SINGH J. (ORAL)

Petitioners, who are major and are of marriageable age claim that they have married against the wishes of their parents. It is a case of run away marriage. It appears that since several petitions were filed on the similar grounds, this Court decided to examine the matter at length. List of religious institutions in different police stations of U.T., Chandigarh was called for, which is on file.

After examining the matter, I am of the view that if two adult of marriageable age decide to perform marriage, though against the wishes of their parents, there is nothing which the Court can do. It is basically their personal matter. So far as the question of fake institutions for performing such marriages are concerned, it will depend upon the facts of each case as

to what action is required to be taken when the marriage is alleged to have been performed at a place, which is not religious institution and the marriage is not performed as per religious rites and ceremonies.

Therefore, it is left open to decide on the case to case basis and this case is not a fit case to lay down the general guidelines. As such, the present petition is disposed with direction to the State that if there is any apprehension to the life and liberty of the petitioners and they approach the police, the police is duty bound to take necessary corrective measures.

(KULDIP SINGH)
JUDGE

December 07, 2017

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Whether speaking / reasoned Yes

Whether Reportable: No