

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

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**CRM-M-26720-2017
DATE OF DECISION:25.07.2017**

SUKHLEEN KAUR AND ANR.**... Petitioners****V.****STATE OF PUNJAB AND ORS.****... Respondents****CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL**

Present: Mr. Harmanpreet Kaur (Simmi), Advocate
for the petitioners.

ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL, J. (ORAL)

The petitioners are seeking direction to respondents No.1 to 3 for protecting their life and liberty as they apprehend threat from respondents No.4 to 9.

Learned counsel for the petitioners states that the date of birth of the petitioner No.1 is 03.12.1998 while the date of birth of petitioner No.2 is 15.03.1997 and copies of their Aadhar cards in support thereof, are annexed as Annexures P-1 and P-2 respectively.

The petitioners are stated to have solemnized their marriage on 22.07.2017 and the copies of marriage certificate and photographs in this regard are annexed as Annexure P-3 and Annexure P-4 respectively. It is further stated in the petition that the petitioners had also made a representation dated 22.07.2017 (Annexure P-5) to respondent No.3 but no action has so far been taken thereon.

Issue notice to the respondents No.1 to 3.

At the asking of the Court, Ms. Bhavna Gupta, DAG, Punjab

accepts notice on behalf of respondents No.1 to 3.

Mr. Bikramjit Aroua, Advocate puts in appearance on behalf of respondent No.4 and contends that the age of the petitioner No.2 is less than 21 years of age and his marriage would not be valid. However, this petition is for seeking protection to life and liberty and this Court is not required to go into the validity of the marriage nor is it expressing any opinion whatsoever on the validity of the marriage.

Therefore, without expressing any opinion on the validity of the marriage and keeping in view the mandate of the Hon'ble Supreme Court in the case of **Lata Singh Vs. State of U.P and another, JT 2006 (6) SC 173**, the present petition is disposed of, with a direction to respondent No.2 to look into the matter and take appropriate action in accordance with law to ensure that no harm is caused to the life and liberty of the petitioners at the hands of private respondents.

This order shall not grant any immunity to the petitioners to protect them from legal action for violation of law, if any, committed by them. The aforesaid direction is only for the purpose of protecting their life and liberty.

July 25, 2017
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(ANUPINDER SINGH GREWAL)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned	:	Yes / No
Whether reportable	:	Yes / No