

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

CRM-M-30997-2017

Date of decision: 23.08.2017

NEHA BHARDWAJ AND ANOTHER

..... Petitioners

Vs.

STATE OF PUNJAB AND OTHERS

..... Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE KULDIP SINGH

Present: Petitioners in person with Mr. Raj Kumar, Advocate.

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 stated to be major, claim that they have married against the wishes of their parents on 18.08.2017. The photographs of their marriage have been placed on file as *Annexure P-3*. The true photocopies of Adhaar Card, issued by Government of India, showing the date of birth of both the petitioners, have been placed on file as *Annexure P-1 and P-2* respectively.

It is claimed that the petitioners have moved an application dated 18.08.2017 (*Annexure P-4*) before the police authorities for protecting their life and liberty as they apprehend danger to their life from the private respondents.

In these circumstances, the present petition is disposed of with a direction to respondent No. 2-Senior Superintendent of Police, S.A.S. Nagar, District, Mohali, to consider the application of the petitioners dated 18.08.2017 (*Annexure P-4*) and assess the threat perception to the life and liberty of the petitioners and if it is found that there is danger to the life of the petitioners, necessary steps be taken to protect their life and liberty. However, this order shall not be construed as recognition of valid marriage between the parties.

The present petition is disposed of accordingly.

August 23, 2017

Suresh Kumar

**(KULDIP SINGH)
JUDGE**

***Whether speaking / reasoned* :**

✓
Yes / No

***Whether Reportable* :**

✓
Yes / No