

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT CHANDIGARH

Sr. No. 237

CRM-M-46792-2016

Decided on : 27.03.2017

Lovepreet Kaur and another

..... Petitioners

VERSUS

State of Punjab and others

..... Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE DEEPAK SIBAL

Present: Mr. Maninder Bajwa, Advocate, for the petitioners.

Mr. K. S. Sidhu, DAG, Punjab.

None for respondents No. 4 to 9.

DEEPAK SIBAL, J. (ORAL)

The petitioners allegedly got married on 27.12.2016 as per Sikh rites but since this marriage was without the consent of the parents/relatives of petitioner No. 1, apprehending threat to their life and liberty from them, they filed the present petition seeking protection.

Without expressing any opinion on the merits of the matter, particularly the validity of the alleged marriage and the age of the petitioners as projected by them in the present petition, vide order dated 09.02.2017, I had directed the SSP, Sangrur (respondent No. 2) to consider the representation dated 27.12.2016 made by the petitioners and on consideration thereof, if deemed proper by him, to grant to the petitioners adequate security to ensure protection to their lives and liberty.

Counsel for the parties are ad idem that in pursuance to the afore directions, the petitioners have been provided adequate protection by the SSP, Sangrur and in view of the above, qua this issue, the present petition at this stage, has been rendered infructuous.

Ordered accordingly.

There is yet another aspect of the matter. In the petition petitioner No. 1 had wrongly projected herself to be a major. This fact came to the knowledge of the Court on going through the affidavit filed by the private respondents as also the investigations done by the State.

In view of the above fact, notice of contempt was issued to petitioner No. 1 in response of which an affidavit has been filed on her behalf through which after accepting her mistake, unconditional apology has been expressed. The affidavit is ordered to be taken on record. She is even otherwise present in Court to express regret on account of the above mistake committed by her.

In view of the unconditional apology expressed by petitioner No. 1, I deem it proper to drop the contempt proceedings especially when petitioner No. 1 is of tender age.

Disposed of.

It is reiterated that this order shall not be taken to validate the alleged marriage of the petitioners or protect them from legal action for violation of law, if any, committed by them.

27.03.2017
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[DEEPAK SIBAL]
JUDGE

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