

IN THE HIGH COURT FOR THE STATES OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

Crl. Misc. No.M-5690 of 2017 (O&M)
Date of Decision: March 20, 2017

Manjeet and another

...Petitioners

Versus

State of Punjab and others

...Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE AMOL RATTAN SINGH

Present:- None for the petitioners.
Mr. K.S. Pannu, DAG, Punjab

Amol Rattan Singh, J. (Oral)

Pursuant to the order dated 22.01.2017, learned State counsel has filed an affidavit of the Deputy Superintendent of Police, Anandpur Sahib, District Rupnagar, stating therein that as per the enquiry conducted regarding date of birth of petitioner no.1, i.e. Manjeet, it has been found that as per her school records and her Aadhar Card, her date of birth is 31.10.1999 and therefore, as on the date of the marriage that the petitioners are stated to have entered into, i.e. 09.02.2017, she was below 18 years of age.

Though it is not stated in the affidavit, however, learned State counsel submits that nothing has been found with regard to the petitioners being in any prohibited relationship to each other.

In view of the above, since protection of life and liberty is a

fundamental right of every citizen enshrined in Article 21 of the Constitution of India, this petition is disposed of with a direction to respondents no.2 and 3 to otherwise ensure that the lives and liberty of the petitioners continue to be protected, within the four corners of law.

It is made clear that protection granted by this Court would be limited only to the extent of protection of their lives and liberty as per law, and would not be construed to be a bar on any proceedings initiated by a competent person against the petitioners under the provisions of the Prohibition of Child Marriage Act, 2006.

March 20, 2017
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(**Amol Rattan Singh**)
Judge

Whether speaking/reasoned: Yes
Whether reportable: No