

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

CRM-M-10093-2018

Date of decision : 09.03.2018

Mansi Verma and another

...petitioners

Vs.

State of Punjab and others

...respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE B.S.WALIA.

Present: Mr. Abhinay Goel, Advocate
for the petitioners.

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B.S.WALIA, J. (Oral)

1. Learned counsel contends that petitioners are major as petitioner No. 1 is more than 18 years of age as is evident from (Annexure P-1) i.e. Matriculation examination certificate issued by Punjab School Education Board wherein her date of birth is recorded as 15.09.1999 and Aadhar Card (Annexure P-2) wherein her year of birth is recorded as 1999. Likewise petitioner No. 2 is 21 years of age as his year of birth in Aadhar Card (Annexure P-3) is mentioned as 1997.

2. Learned counsel contends that on account of mutual liking for each other, the petitioners got married on 07.03.2018 at Shiv Durga Mandir, Sector-19, Panchkula and were issued certificate by the Priest who performed the marriage (Annexure P-4). Learned counsel for the petitioners contends that the marriage is against the wishes of respondent Nos. 4 to 12 i.e. father, mother, brothers/cousins of petitioner No.1 who are threatening

the petitioners with harm to their life and liberty. Learned counsel further contends that despite the petitioners having given a representation (Annexure P-6) to respondent No. 2 for providing protection to their life and liberty at the hands of respondent Nos. 4 to 12, no action has been taken in respect thereto till date. Therefore, petitioners have been compelled to invoke the jurisdiction of this Court for protection of their life and liberty.

3. Notice of motion to respondent Nos. 1 to 3 only at this stage. Ms. Jaspreet Kaur, AAG, Punjab who is present in Court accepts notice on behalf of respondent Nos. 1 to 3. Complete copy of the paper book has been supplied to the learned State counsel in Court.

4. Without expressing any opinion with regard to the validity of the marriage or the assertions made in the petition, the present petition is disposed of by directing respondent No. 2 to consider the representation dated 07.03.2018 (Annexure P-6) moved by the petitioners and assess threat perception to their life and liberty at the hands of respondent Nos. 4 to 12 and if the circumstances of the case so warrant to provide appropriate protection to them in accordance with law.

5. With aforementioned directions, the present petition is disposed of.

09.03.2018

Harish Kumar

(B.S.WALIA)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes/No

Whether reportable : Yes/No