

CRM-M-10107 of 2018
Date of decision: 09.03.2018

versus

For the aforesaid reasons, this appears to be a fit case for this Court to invoke the inherent powers under Section 482 of the Cr.P.C. and in view of the mandate contained in Article 21 of the Constitution of India to protect the citizen's right to life and liberty.

Thus, the Senior Superintendent of Police, Gurdaspur is directed to consider the representation dated 07.03.2018 (Annexure- P-5) and take appropriate steps to ensure that no harm is caused to the life and liberty of the petitioners.

It is nevertheless clarified that this order is issued only on the premise that the petitioners have crossed the age of majority as seen from the documents placed on record Aadhar Cards of petitioners No. 1 & 2 (Annexures P-1 & P-2). The petitioners have produced on record a copy of their marriage certificate dated 07.03.2018(Annexure P-3). This would not *ipso facto* amount to granting any seal of approval on the legality of their marriage which essentially would come in the domain of the concerned Matrimonial Courts. Further, they would not be entitled for any protection against their arrest or continuance of any criminal proceedings, if otherwise, found to be involved in commission of any cognizable offence(s).

The petition is disposed off with the above direction.

9th March, 2018

Shivani Kaushik

**[RAJBIR SEHRAWAT]
JUDGE**

Whether speaking/reasoned *Yes*

Whether Reportable *No*