

IN THE PUNJAB & HARYANA HIGH COURT AT CHANDIGARH

CRM-M-12847-2018

Date of decision : 27.03.2018

Narinder Kaur and another

... Petitioners

Versus

The State of Punjab and others

... Respondents

***CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE AMOL RATTAN SINGH***

Present: Mr.Briz Mohan, Advocate  
for the petitioners.

**AMOL RATTAN SINGH, J.(ORAL)**

The petitioners, who are present in the court, are seeking protection of their lives and liberty at the hands of respondents No.4 to 7, who are stated to be parents and other immediate relatives of petitioner No.1, on account of the fact that they have married each other of their own free will, against the wishes of the said respondents on 21.03.2018. Photographs of what is stated to be a marriage ceremony have been annexed with the petition.

As per copies of the Aadhar Cards issued by the Unique Identification Authority of India to the petitioners, annexed with the petition, they are shown to be of legally marriageable age.

On a specific query put to learned counsel for the petitioners, it has been stated that neither are the petitioners in any prohibited relationship to each other, nor has any of them been married earlier.

Consequently, since protection of life and liberty is a fundamental right of every citizen under Article 21 of the

Constitution of India, without making any comment on the validity of the marriage, this petition is disposed of with a direction to respondents No.2 and 3 to ensure that the lives and liberty of the petitioners are not put to any harm or threat at the hands of the aforesaid respondents or at their behest.

However, it is made clear that if any of the averments made in the petition is found to be incorrect, specifically with regard to either the petitioners being in any prohibited relationship to each other, or as regards their previous marital status, or with regard to their age, this order shall not be construed to be a bar on proceedings initiated as per law.

(AMOL RATTAN SINGH)  
JUDGE

March 27, 2018.  
*Davinder Kumar*

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| Whether speaking / reasoned | Yes/No |
| Whether reportable          | Yes/No |