

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

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CRM-M No.22357 of 2018

Date of Decision: May 23rd, 2018

Priya and another

...Petitioners

Versus

State of Punjab and others

...Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE AUGUSTINE GEORGE MASIH

Present: Mr. D.S. Kahlon, Advocate
for the petitioners.

AUGUSTINE GEORGE MASIH, J. (ORAL)

Petitioners have approached this Court with a grievance that petitioner No.1, who is to attain majority on 16.06.2018, is being sought to be married to one of the relatives of respondents 7 and 8 without her consent, will and desire. As a matter of fact, petitioner No.1 is inclined to marry petitioner No.2-Jatinder Paul but because of the fact that she has not yet attained the age of majority, the marriage is not being solemnised. Prayer has thus been made that petitioner No.1 at present may be lodged in some protection home.

Assertion has also been made that there is threat to life and liberty of the petitioners from respondents 5 to 9 and, therefore, a prayer has been made that directions be issued to the Senior Superintendent of Police, Pathankot-respondent No.3 to provide them the necessary protection, for which they have already submitted a representation dated 21.05.2018 (Annexure P-3). Representation has also been submitted to the Deputy Commissioner, District Pathankot, of the same date i.e. 21.05.2018 (Annexure P-4).

In view of the above facts and circumstances, direction is issued to respondents No.3 and 4 to look into the representation of the petitioners and take appropriate steps in accordance with law so that the life

and liberty of the petitioners is not jeopardised in any manner, especially at the behest of respondents 5 to 9.

In the meanwhile, direction is issued to the Superintendent, Nari Niketan, Sector-26, Chandigarh, to admit petitioner No.1-Priya in Nari Niketan forthwith on receipt of this order, till 16.06.2018 when she attains the age of majority and thereafter, it would be open to petitioner No.1 to move out from there as per her desire.

The petition stands disposed of accordingly.

Copy of this order be given **dasti** to the counsel for the petitioners under signatures of Bench Secretary of this Court.

May 23rd, 2018
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(AUGUSTINE GEORGE MASIH)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned: Yes/No

Whether Reportable: Yes/No