

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

CRM No.M-2272 of 2018

Date of Order: 18.01.2018

Harpreet Kaur & Anr.

....Petitioners

Versus

State of Punjab & Ors.

....Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE AMOL RATTAN SINGH

Present: Ms. Manpreet Ghuman, 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 11, who are stated to be the parents, brothers and uncles respectively of petitioner no.1, on account of the fact that they have married each other of their own free will on 16.1.2018. 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, (the originals of which have been produced in Court), 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. He states that he has obtained specific instructions from the petitioners in that regard.

Consequently, since protection of lives 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 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 any proceedings initiated as per law.

January 18, 2018
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(AMOL RATTAN SINGH)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned: Yes/No

Whether Reportable : Yes/No