

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

(117)

CRM-M-25281-2018

Date of Decision: June 06, 2018

Neelam and another

..Petitioners

Versus

State of Punjab and others

..Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE LISA GILL

Present: Mr. Manmeet Singh Rana, Advocate, for the petitioners.

LISA GILL, J.(ORAL)

Present petition has been filed by the petitioners for protection of their life and liberty as they apprehend danger at the hands of respondents No. 4 and 5 and other relatives because they have solemnized marriage between themselves on 04.06.2018 against the wishes of the said respondents. Both the petitioners are present in Court and on being asked submit that they have solemnised marriage between themselves out of their free will and volition. They state that this is their first marriage.

It is contended that the petitioners are major, their dates of birth being 30.08.1998 and 15.12.1990, respectively. True copies of Aadhar Card of both the petitioners have been appended with the petition as Annexures P1 and P2 though perusal of Aadhar Card of petitioner No.1 (Annexures P-1) shows that no specific date is mentioned and only the year of birth i.e., 1998 has been mentioned. A copy of the Marriage Certificate and the photographs of the marriage are also placed on record as Annexures P-3 and P-4. The petitioners are stated to have submitted a representation dated 04.06.2018 (Annexure P-5) to respondent No.2 i.e., the Senior Superintendent of Police, SBS Nagar for redressal of their grievance.

Notice of motion to the Advocate General, Punjab.

On the asking of the Court, Ms. Bhavna Gupta, Deputy Advocate General, Punjab, who is present in Court, accepts notice on behalf of respondents No.1 to 3. Copies of the petition have been handed over to learned State counsel.

Without commenting upon the age of the petitioners or the validity of their marriage or the validity and genuineness of the certificates appended with the petition, respondent No.2- the Senior Superintendent of Police, SBS Nagar is directed to look into the representation dated 04.06.2018 submitted by the petitioners and take appropriate action as may be/if any required, keeping in view the threat perception to the petitioners.

It is, however, made clear that this order shall have no effect on the validity of the alleged marriage of the petitioners and neither will any other civil or criminal proceedings initiated against the petitioners be barred due to this order.

The petition is disposed of accordingly.

June 06, 2018.

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**(LISA GILL)
JUDGE**

Whether speaking/reasoned:	Yes/No
Whether reportable:	Yes/No