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

CRM-M No.2723 of 2018

Date of Decision: 22.01.2018

Gurmukh Singh and another

....Petitioners

Vs

State of Punjab and others

.....Respondents

CORAM: *HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE RAJ MOHAN SINGH*

Present: Mr. Sandeep Chopra, Advocate,
for the petitioners.

RAJ MOHAN SINGH, J.(Oral)

In this petition, petitioners have prayed for issuance of necessary directions to the official respondents to protect their lives and personal liberties from being invaded by the private respondents. Petitioners claimed themselves to be major and have contracted marriage on 17.01.2018 according to their own sweet will, but against the wishes of their family members. Marriage Certificate (Annexure P-4) and photographs of marriage (Annexure P-5) (Colly) are sought to be pressed into service in order to project validity of marriage.

In the context of threat perception at the hands of private respondents, petitioners have prayed for necessary directions for safeguarding their personal civil and legal rights.

However, in the aforesaid context, petitioners have not moved any representation to the police authorities.

Notice of motion to respondents No.1 to 3.

On the asking of the Court, Mr. Hittan Nehra, Addl. A.G., Punjab accepts notice on behalf of State-respondents No.1 to 3.

At this juncture, this Court is not in a position to comment upon the validity of marriage and majority of the petitioners in terms of their respective ages. However, petitioners are directed to appear before the Senior Superintendent of Police, Patiala, Distt. Patiala and file a comprehensive representation before him. In the event of filing such representation, the same shall be decided by respondent No.2 in accordance with law. In case respondent No.2 finds that there is threat perception to the petitioners, the same shall be taken care of by him by passing an appropriate order in the facts and circumstances of the case.

Respondent No.2 would be at liberty to devise his/her own mechanism to ascertain the truth. He/she would also be at liberty to join the petitioners or any other person acquainted with facts in issue.

This order shall not debar the official respondents from proceeding against any of the party in accordance with law

in case they are involved in some other case. It would be appreciated if the representation filed by the petitioners is decided within a period of one month from today keeping in view the threat perception shown by the petitioners.

Petition stands disposed of.

22.01.2018

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**(RAJ MOHAN SINGH)
JUDGE**

Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes/No

Whether reportable : Yes/No