

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

CRM-M-32740-2018 (O&M)

Date of Decision:-1.8.2018

Manisha and another

... Petitioners

Versus

State of Punjab and others

... Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE GURVINDER SINGH GILL

Present:- Mr. Swapanh Shaorey, Advocate for the petitioners.

GURVINDER SINGH GILL, J. (Oral)

Petitioners Manisha and Rohan have averred that they have married against wishes of respondents No.4 to 7, who are parents and brother of petitioner No.1 and father of petitioner No.2. The petitioners have annexed copies of their Aadhar Cards indicating that petitioner No.1 is aged 19 years, while petitioner No.2 is aged about 18 years and thus less than marriageable age of 21 years.

The petitioners apprehend threat to their life and liberty at the hands of respondents No.4 to 7 and thus seek issuance of appropriate directions.

The petition is disposed of with a direction to respondent No.2- Commissioner of Police, Amritsar, District Amritsar to look into the matter and to decide the representation dated 29.7.2018 (Annexure P-4) made by petitioners, in accordance with law, immediately upon receipt of certified copy of this order. In case any serious apprehension of threat to the life and liberty of the petitioners is found, requisite steps be taken immediately, in

accordance with law, to protect life and liberty of the petitioners.

It is, however, made clear that this order shall not be taken to be an expression as regards validity of the alleged marriage of the parties and shall not be deemed to confer any immunity upon petitioners from any action warranted under law for having married before the marriageable age.

1.8.2018

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(Gurvinder Singh Gill)
Judge

Whether speaking /reasoned

Yes / No

Whether Reportable

Yes / No