

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

CRM-M-40060-2018 (O&M)

Date of Decision:-12.9.2018

Pankaj Kumar and another

... Petitioners

Versus

State of Punjab and others

... Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE GURVINDER SINGH GILL

Present:- Mr. Rajesh Bhateja, Advocate for the petitioners.

GURVINDER SINGH GILL, J. (Oral)

Petitioners Pankaj Kumar and Shally have averred that they have married against wishes of respondents No.4 to 8, who are co-villagers of petitioner No.2. The petitioners have annexed copies of their Aadhar Cards indicating that petitioner No.1 is aged 26 years, while petitioner No.2 is a little less than marriageable age of 18 years.

The learned counsel has submitted that although the parents of both the petitioners are agreeable to the marriage but somehow some other co-villagers including private respondents No.4 to 8 are opposed to the marriage mainly on the ground that respondent No.4, who is daughter of respondents No.5 and 6 and sister of respondents No.7 and 8, wanted to marry petitioner No.1.

The petitioners apprehend threat to their life and liberty at the hands of respondents No.4 to 8 and thus seek issuance of appropriate directions.

The petition is disposed of with a direction to respondent No.2-Senior Superintendent of Police, Gurdaspur, District Gurdaspur to look into

the matter and to decide the representation dated 10.9.2018 (Annexure P-4) made by petitioners, in accordance with law, immediately upon receipt of certified copy of this order. In case any 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.

12.9.2018

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(Gurvinder Singh Gill)
Judge

Whether speaking /reasoned Yes / No

Whether Reportable Yes / No