

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

**CRM-M No.50159 of 2017 (O&M)
Date of decision : 01.01.2018**

Bindu and another

..... Petitioners

Versus

State of Punjab and others

..... Respondents

CORAM : HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE KULDIP SINGH

Present:- Petitioners are in person along with
Mr.Karanjeet Singh Brar, Advocate
Respondent no.4 in person along with
Mr.Suresh Kumar Kaushik, Advocate

1. Whether the Reporters of local newspaper may be allowed to see the judgment ?
2. To be referred to the Reporter or not.
3. Whether the judgment should be reported in the digest ?

KULDIP SINGH J. (ORAL)

Petitioners, who are stated to be major, claim that after falling in love, they have married against the wishes of their parents on 27.12.2017 at Panchkula. Since, it is an inter caste marriage, private respondent nos.4 and 5 are opposing the same. They apprehend threat to their life and liberty. The photographs of the marriage have been placed on file as Annexure P-4. True and correct translated copy of marriage certificate has been placed on file as Annexure P3. True relevant extract copies of Aadhar Card of petitioner no.1 and petitioner no.2, showing their date of birth have been placed on file as Annexures-P-1 to P-2 respectively.

On the request of respondent no.4, he was allowed to talk to petitioner no.1 in the Court room for about 15 minutes. Thereafter, both the parties were questioned. Petitioner no.1 reiterated that she has married petitioner no.2 of her own free will and her decision is final.

It is claimed that the petitioners have moved an application dated 27.12.2017 (Annexure-P-5) before the police authorities for

protecting their life and liberty as they apprehend danger to their life from the private respondents.

In these circumstances, the present petition is disposed of with a direction to the Commissioner of Police, Ludhiana, to consider the application of the petitioners dated 27.12.2017 (Annexure-P-5) and assess the threat perception to the life and liberty of the petitioners and if it is found that there is danger to the life of the petitioners, necessary steps be taken to protect the life and liberty of the petitioners.

However, it is made clear that this order shall not be taken to be the proof of valid marriage. Disposed of accordingly.

01.01.2018

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(Kuldip Singh)
Judge

Whether speaking / reasoned Yes

Whether Reportable: No