

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

CRM-M-8413-2018

Decided on: 05.03.2018

Ritu and another

.... Petitioners

Versus

State of Haryana and others

.... Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE AUGUSTINE GEORGE MASIH

Present: Petitioners in person.

Ms. Dimple Jain, AAG, Haryana.

AUGUSTINE GEORGE MASIH, J (ORAL)

On 26.02.2018, when the case came up for hearing, following order was passed:-

“ Petitioners have approached this Court praying for protection of their lives and liberty from respondent Nos.4 to 9.

It is the contention of learned counsel for the petitioners that the age of petitioner No.1-Ritu as per the Aadhaar Card (Annexure P-1) is 19 years and that of petitioner No.2-Ravi Saini is 21 years as per the Aadhaar Card (Annexure P-2). Counsel contends that the marriage of petitioner No.1 was fixed for 26.02.2018 by her parents but as she did not want to get married against her wish, she had out of her free will, moved out of the house and got married to petitioner No.2. Reference in this regard has been made to the marriage certificate dated 24.02.2018 (Annexure P-3). Petitioners have also filed a representation dated 24.02.2018 (Annexure P-5) to the Superintendent of Police, Kaithal, for protection of their lives and liberty but no response has been received. Prayer at this stage has been made by the petitioners that they be admitted to Protection Home, Sector-19, Chandigarh, so that they can reside there for some time.

Keeping in view the submissions made by the counsel for the petitioners, direction is issued to the Superintendent, Protection Home, Sector-19, Chandigarh, or any other competent authority, who is entitled to provide shelter, to make available accommodation for ten days for the present to the petitioners forthwith on depositing necessary charges.

Notice of motion to respondents No.1 to 3.

On the asking of the Court, Mr. Sharad Kumar Yadav, Deputy Advocate General, Haryana, accepts notice.

Counsel for the petitioners has handed over a copy of complete paper book to the counsel for the State, who shall seek instructions in this regard or or before the date fixed.

List on **05.03.2018**.

Copy of this order be given *dasti* to the counsel for the parties under signatures of Bench Secretary of this Court”.

Counsel for the State, on instructions from S.I. Randheer Singh, Police Station Kaithal submits that in compliance with the order passed by this Court dated 26.02.2018, statements of respondents No.4 to 7 have been recorded. According to the statements, they do not have any grievance with regard to the matrimonial relations which the petitioners have entered into between them. Counsel therefore, on the basis of these statements and the report of the SHO, Police Station, Civil Lines, Kaithal dated 04.03.2018, submits that the grievance of the petitioners have been redressed as there is no threat to the life and liberty of the petitioner as of now.

Having taken note of the facts and circumstances of the present case, petitioners who are present in Court are still apprehensive that their life and liberty is still under threat from respondents No.4 to 7 and it is only a camouflage.

This apprehension of the petitioners appears to be without any basis as of now. However, counsel for the State, on instructions of S.I. Randheer Singh, Police Station Kaithal submits that the petitioners can contact Shri Jaswant Singh, Station House Officer, Civil Lines, Kaithal on his mobile no.9053052111 or SI Randheer Singh, Mobile number 9050505082 in case of any apprehension. If such a situation arises where immediate action is to be taken, the same shall be taken care of. Regular checks through visits at the place of residence of the petitioners shall also be carried out and if need be, proper protection and security provided.

In the light of the statement made by the counsel for the State, on instructions from S.I. Randheer Singh, Police Station Kaithal, as recorded above, the present petition stands disposed of with the observations that the authority shall ensure that no harm is caused to the life and liberty of the petitioners at the hands of respondents No.4 to 9.

Copy of the order be given dasti to the petitioners and State counsel under the signatures of Bench Secretary.

(AUGUSTINE GEORGE MASIH)
JUDGE

05.03.2018

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Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes/No

Whether Reportable : Yes/No