

**IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB & HARYANA  
AT CHANDIGARH.**

**CRM-M-80-2019 (O&M)  
Date of decision: 04.01.2019**

Aashish Masih and another .....Petitioners

Versus

State of Punjab and others .....Respondents

**CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ARUN KUMAR TYAGI**

Present : Mr. Munish Puri, Advocate for the petitioners  
with the petitioners in person.

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**ARUN KUMAR TYAGI, J (ORAL)**

**CRM-8-2019**

Prayer in the application is for placing of the photographs of marriage on record as Annexure P-5 but the same have already been attached with the petition as Annexure P-5. Therefore, the application is rendered infructuous and is disposed of as such.

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The petitioners have approached this Court seeking protection of their life and liberty on the averments that the petitioners, being major, performed marriage on 02.01.2019 at house of Viney Masih, Model Town, Zirakpur, as per Christian rites and rituals against the wishes of father of petitioner No.2, impleaded as respondent No.4 and the petitioners are apprehending threat to their life and liberty at their instance.

Notice of motion.

On asking of the Court, Ms. Anju Sharma Kaushik, DAG, Punjab, accepts notice on behalf of the respondent-State. Complete set of paper book has been supplied to learned State counsel.

The petitioners, who are major as per the documents including Aadhar Cards attached with the petition, are present in the Court and duly identified by their counsel. On being questioned by the Court, the petitioners have admitted having solemnized marriage and reiterated their prayer as mentioned in the petition.

Learned counsel for the petitioners states that a representation dated 02.01.2019 (Annexure P-7) was made to the Senior Superintendent of Police, Police District Batala, seeking necessary protection but no action has been taken so far in the matter.

Without examining the question of legality and validity of the marriage and expressing any opinion thereon, the petition is disposed of with the directions to respondent No.2-Senior Superintendent of Police, Police District Batala, to look into the grievances of the petitioners expressed in the representation (Annexure P-7) and take appropriate action for protection of their life and liberty as may be warranted by the circumstances.

However, it is clarified that in case any criminal case has been/is registered against petitioner No.1, then nothing in this order shall be construed as a bar to taking of appropriate action by the police authorities against him in respect thereof in accordance with law.

(ARUN KUMAR TYAGI)  
JUDGE

**04.01.2019**  
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Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes/No

Whether reportable : Yes/No