

**In the High Court for the States of Punjab and Haryana
At Chandigarh**

CRM-M-3201-2019 (O&M)
Date of Decision:-26.2.2019

Preeti Devi and another ... Petitioners

Versus

State of Haryana and others ... Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE GURVINDER SINGH GILL

Present:- Mr. Sandeep Gahlawat, Advocate for the petitioners.

Ms. Aditi Girdhar, Assistant Advocate General, Haryana.

GURVINDER SINGH GILL, J.(Oral)

The petitioners have approached this Court seeking issuance of directions to respondents No.2 and 3 so as to protect their life and personal liberty as they apprehend threat to the same at the hands of respondents No.4 to 6.

It is averred in the petition that while petitioner No.1 is aged more than 18 years having date of birth as 1.1.2001, petitioner No.2 is aged more than 26 years of age having date of birth as 15.6.1992. It is specifically averred in the petition that somehow the parents of petitioner No.1 had got her date of birth incorrectly recorded in the school record as 15.10.2001.

It may here be mentioned that petitioner No.2 Amit had earlier filed CRM-M-47218-2018 seeking protection of his life and liberty, wherein directions had been issued to verify the age of Preeti Devi. In the said case, the State has filed reply, whererin it has been mentioned that the date of birth

of Preeti Devi is recorded as '1.1.2001' in the register maintained at the 'Anganwari Center', whereas her date of birth is recorded as '15.10.2001' in the school record.

In the present case, it has specifically been stated by petitioners that they have now contracted marriage on 20.1.2019 and have also annexed copies of photographs of their marriage as Annexure P-10.

Without commenting upon the validity of the marriage, it goes without saying that the petitioners, in any case, are entitled for protection of their lives and liberty and cannot be allowed to be harmed in any manner, more particularly by the relatives, who may be aggrieved by their marriage.

Accordingly, the petition is disposed of with a direction to the official respondents to ensure that no harm is caused to the petitioners, more particularly at the hands of the private respondents. The SHO concerned shall contact the private respondents and inform them about the direction issued by this Court.

It is, however, made clear that the aforesaid direction shall not be taken to be any expression as regards the validity of the marriage and will not confer any immunity upon the petitioners, in case it is found that they have committed any offence/wrong.

The petition stands disposed of with the aforesaid directions.

26.2.2019

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**(Gurvinder Singh Gill)
Judge**

Whether reasoned/speaking

Yes / No

Whether reportable

Yes / No