

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

Sr. No.113

**CRM-M-10509 of 2019
DECIDED ON: March 07, 2019**

ARCHANA KUMARI AND ANOTHER

..PETITIONERS

VERSUS

STATE OF PUNJAB AND OTHERS

...RESPONDENTS

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SUDHIR MITTAL

Present: Mr. Vaibhav Sehgal, Advocate, for the petitioners.

Mr. Kirat Singh Sidhu, DAG, Punjab.

SUDHIR MITTAL, J. (ORAL)

The case has been put up in the post lunch session.

The Mediator has reported that the parties could not settle their dispute.

Mr. Manoj Pundir, Advocate, puts in appearance on behalf of respondents No.4 & 5 by filing power of attorney, which is taken on record.

Learned counsel for respondents No.4 & 5 submits that petitioner No.1 is a minor and not of marriageable age. This is disputed by learned counsel for the petitioners by placing his reliance upon Aadhaar Card (P-1).

The petitioners are seeking protection of life and liberty on account of fact that they have got married against the wishes of their parents. Even if petitioner No.1 is below marriageable age, as contended by

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respondents No.4 & 5, the said respondents do not have the right to threaten her life and liberty or that of petitioner No.2.

The petition is accordingly allowed and respondent No.2 is directed to ensure that life and liberty of the petitioners is protected as and when they approach him for the same based upon the threat perception as well as contents of representation dated 05.03.2019 (P-4).

It is made clear that I am not opining on the controversy regarding the age of petitioner No.1. I am also not restraining any party from initiating appropriate proceedings before the appropriate forum in accordance with law.

March 07, 2019

Ankur

**(SUDHIR MITTAL)
JUDGE**

Whether speaking/reasoned

Yes/No

Whether Reportable

Yes/No