

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

CRM-M-13136-2019 (O&M)

Date of Decision:- 20.3.2019

Rajan Masih and another

... Petitioners

Versus

State of Punjab and others

... Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE GURVINDER SINGH GILL

Present:- Mr. Alok Sharma, Advocate for the petitioners.

GURVINDER SINGH GILL, J. (Oral)

Petitioners Rajan Masih and Aradhna have averred that they have married against wishes of respondents No.4 to 9 who are members of family of petitioner No.2. Petitioner No.1 has annexed his Aadhar Card and petitioner No.2 has annexed her affidavit indicating that petitioners are less than marriageable aged of 21 years and 18 years, respectively.

The petitioners apprehend threat to their life and liberty at the hands of respondents No.4 to 9 and thus seek issuance of appropriate directions.

Petitioners are stated to be less than the marriageable age of 21 years and 18 years.

The petition is disposed of with a direction to Senior Superintendent of Police, Gurdaspur to look into the representation (Annexure P-4) made by petitioners, in accordance with law, immediately upon receipt of certified copy of this order. In case any serious apprehension of threat to the life and liberty of the petitioners is found, requisite steps be taken immediately, in accordance with law, to protect life and liberty of the petitioners.

It is, however, made clear that this order shall not be taken to be an expression as regards validity of the alleged marriage of the parties and shall not be deemed to confer any immunity upon petitioners from any action warranted under law for having married before the marriageable age.

March 20, 2019
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(GURVINDER SINGH GILL)
JUDGE

Whether speaking /reasoned	Yes / No
Whether Reportable	Yes / No