

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

CRM-M-22241 of 2019

Date of decision: 15.05.2019

Saif Ali & Another

....Petitioners

Versus

State of Punjab and others

....Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE LALIT BATRA

Present: Mr. L.S. Lakhanpal, Advocate, for the petitioners.

LALIT BATRA, J. (Oral)

Both the petitioners are present in the Court and are identified by their counsel.

Petitioners have sought protection of their lives and liberty, *inter-alia*, taking the plea that they performed the marriage with each other, whereas private respondents are not accepting their marriage and now they are apprehending danger to their lives and liberty from private respondents. Learned counsel for the petitioners contended that the petitioners performed marriage on 25.04.2019.

When petitioner No.2 was asked about her age she has placed on record her duly sworn affidavit. She has also placed on record a certified copy of School Leaving Certificate showing her date of birth as 20.06.2000. Petitioners have also taken a plea that they are major and have performed their marriage with free will.

Notice of motion.

On the asking of Court, Mr. A.S. Gill, Sr. DAG, Punjab, accepts notice on behalf of respondents No. 1 to 3. A complete copy of paper-book be provided to him during course of the day.

Having considered the submissions made by learned counsel for the petitioners and perusal of record, respondent No.2 – Senior Superintendent of

Police, Pathankot, is directed to consider the representation dated 13.05.2019

(Annexure P-4) and issue necessary orders, as warranted by law, so as to ensure that no harm is caused to the life and liberty of the petitioners at the hands of private respondents.

However, it is also made clear that this order shall not be taken to validate the alleged marriage of the petitioners or entitle them for any protection against their arrest or continuance of any criminal proceedings, if they are found involved in the commission of any cognizable offence. In case, the petitioners had committed any offence, the law will take its own course.

With the aforesaid observations made and directions issued, the present petition stands disposed of.

[LALIT BATRA]
JUDGE

May 15, 2019
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Whether speaking/reasoned
Whether reportable

Yes/No
Yes/No