

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

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**CWP-32238-2019**

Date of Decision: November 06, 2019

Baljinder Singh and another

.....Petitioner(s)

versus

State of Punjab and others

.....Respondent(s)

**CORAM: HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE SANJAY KUMAR**

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Present: Mr. Sukhmeet Singh, Advocate for the petitioners.

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**SANJAY KUMAR, J. (Oral)**

The petitioners seek a direction to the police authorities of the State of Punjab to provide them adequate protection. They apprehend a threat to their lives and liberty at the hands of respondents No.4 to 9, the relations of the second petitioner-Karmjeet Kaur.

Admittedly, the second petitioner is a minor aged about 16-1/2 years and her date of birth is stated to be 04.05.2003.

However, the petitioners claim to have gotten married and relied upon the marriage certificate issued by Gurudwara Gurukul, Agwar Khaneka Moga, District Moga, in proof thereof.

As this Court does not propose to go into the merits of the matter, be it in the context of the validity of the marriage of the petitioners or in the context of the threat that they perceive from the relations of the second petitioner, there is no necessity to put the unofficial respondents on notice at this stage or afford them an opportunity of hearing. This Court is only concerned with the protection of the lives and liberty of the petitioners. The

petitioners would be entitled to such protection in terms of Article 21 of the

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Constitution and the State would be under a duty to extend such protection to them. That being so, as the petitioners have already made representation dated 04.11.2019 to the Senior Superintendent of Police, Moga, the second respondent, setting out the details of the imminent threat that they perceived from relations of the second petitioner, the petition is disposed of directing the second respondent, the Senior Superintendent of Police, Moga, District Moga, to consider the said representation on its own merits and take appropriate action, as warranted, for the protection of the lives and liberty of the petitioners.

No order as to costs.

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[ **SANJAY KUMAR** ]  
**JUDGE**

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| Whether speaking/reasoned : | Yes/No |
| Whether Reportable :        | Yes/No |