

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

112)

CRWP No.1816 of 2019 (O&M)
Date of Decision: 11.12.2019

Archana Kumari and another

...Petitioners

Versus

State of Haryana and others

...Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE AMOL RATTAN SINGH

Present:- Mr. Sandeep K. Katik, Advocate, for the petitioners.

Amol Rattan Singh, J. (Oral)

By this petition, the petitioners seek protection of their lives and liberty at the hands of respondents No.4 & 5, who are stated to be the parents of petitioner No.1, on account of the fact that they have married each other of their own free will, against the wishes of the said respondents on 04.12.2019 (as contended). Photographs of what is stated to be a marriage ceremony have been annexed with the petition.

Yesterday, when this petition had come for hearing, the following order had been passed :-

“Adjourned to 11.12.2019.

The petitioners would place on record the proof of their age. Of course in the meanwhile respondents No.2 and 3 are directed to ensure that the life and liberty to the petitioners is duly protected.”

Today, learned counsel for the petitioners submits that they are not responding to his phone call.

Be that as it may, since protection of life and liberty is, in any case, a fundamental right available to every citizen under Article 21 of the Constitution of India, without making any comment on the validity of the marriage, this petition is disposed of with a direction to respondents No.2 and 3, i.e. the Superintendent of Police, Fatehabad, and the Station House Officer, Police Station, City Fatehabad. to ensure that the lives and liberty of the petitioners are duly protected at the hands of the respondents No. 4 & 5, or at their behest.

However, it is made absolutely clear that this Court has made no comments, whatsoever, on the validity of any marriage as has been contended to have been performed by the petitioners with each other, and if the marriage is challenged on any valid grounds, naturally such proceedings would continue as per law, but with the petitioners lives and liberty to remain protected, as per law.

(AMOL RATTAN SINGH)
JUDGE

11.12.2019
Satyawar

Whether reasoned/speaking: Yes/No
Whether reportable: Yes/No