

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

117)

CRWP no.2221 of 2019 (O&M)

Date of Decision: 17.12.2019

Kiran Bala and another

...Petitioners

Versus

State of Punjab and others

...Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE AMOL RATTAN SINGH

Present:- Mr. Naman Jain, Advocate, for
Ms. Neetu Singh, Advocate, for the petitioners.

Amol Rattan Singh, J. (Oral)

The petitioners, who are present in the court, are seeking protection of their lives and liberty at the hands of respondents No.4 to 7, who are stated to be the parents and other immediate relatives of petitioner no.2, on account of the fact that they have married each other of their own free will, against the wishes of the said respondents on 13.12.2019. Photographs of what is stated to be a marriage ceremony have been annexed with the petition.

As regards proof of age of the petitioners, the original Aadhaar Card issued by the Unique Identification Authority of India in respect of petitioner no.1 and the original passport issued by the Government of India, in respect of petitioner no.2 have been produced in court, showing them to be of marriageable age.

Consequently, since protection of life and liberty is a fundamental right of 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 to ensure that the lives and liberty of the petitioners are not put to any harm or threat at the hands of the aforesaid respondents, or at their behest.

However, it is made clear that if any of the averments made in the petition is found to be incorrect, specifically with regard to either the petitioners being in any prohibited relationship to each other, or as regards their previous marital status, or with regard to their age, this order shall not be construed to be a bar on proceedings initiated as per law.

(AMOL RATTAN SINGH)
JUDGE

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Whether reasoned/speaking: Yes
Whether reportable: No