

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

**CRWP No.2443 of 2019
Date of Decision:-20.12.2019**

Hina Mehroz @ Anushka Arya and another

...Petitioners

Versus

State of U.T. Through its Secretary, Department of Home Affairs and
Justice, Civil Secretariat, Chandigarh and others

...Respondents

CORAM:- HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE AMOL RATTAN SINGH

Present:- Mr. Jasjit Singh Saini, 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 respondent No.4, who is stated to be the father 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 respondent on 02.07.2019. Photographs of what is stated to be a marriage ceremony have been annexed with the petition.

As regards proof of age of the petitioners, copies of their Aadhaar Cards have been annexed with the petition as Annexures P-1 and P-2 respectively, 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.

December 20, 2019
Vijay Asija

(AMOL RATTAN SINGH)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned
Whether Reportable

Yes / No
Yes / No