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

Sr. No.110

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Date of Decision: 08.01.2020

SEERAT KAUR AND ANOTHER

....Petitioners

VS

STATE OF PUNJAB AND OTHERS

....Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE ARCHANA PURI

**Present: Mr. Barjesh K. Sharma, Advocate,
for the petitioners.**

ARCHANA PURI, J. (ORAL)

The present petition has been filed by the petitioners to seek protection on account of marriage having been solemnized on 06.01.2020. In this petition, it is averred that both the petitioners-Seerat Kaur and Ranjit Singh are major. The date of birth of petitioner No.1 is 17.01.2000 and that of petitioner No.2 is 14.03.1991. To substantiate the date of birth, affidavit in respect of petitioner No.1 and copy of Aadhar Card in respect of petitioner No.2, have been annexed with the petition. In order to substantiate the factum of marriage, besides the photographs depicting the ceremonies of the marriage being performed, a copy of certificate issued by Gurdwara Akalgarh Sahib, Village Karor Kalan, Tehsil and District Mohali, has also been placed on record. The petitioners are stated to be residing within the jurisdiction of this Court. Now, they apprehend danger to their lives at the instance of private respondents, who are relatives of the petitioners. To substantiate their claim, affidavits of both the petitioners have been filed.

Mr. Pawan Sharda, Senior Deputy Advocate General, Punjab, who is present in the Court, accepts notice on behalf of the respondent-State.

In view of the same, the present petition is disposed of with direction to respondent Nos.2 and 3 to look into the matter, and if they find that there is genuine apprehension of danger to the lives and personal liberty of the petitioners, then they are directed to take appropriate steps to ensure their protection in the fitness of the circumstances.

However, these observations of mine are circumscribed, only for the purposes of disposal of the present petition, without prejudice of the rights of the parties, to be adjudicated qua the question of age or validity of marriage, in any civil or criminal proceedings.

Accordingly, the petition stands disposed of.

(ARCHANA PURI)
JUDGE

January 08, 2020.

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Whether speaking/reasoned

Yes/No

Whether reportable

Yes/No