

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

CRWP No. 196 of 2020

Date of Decision: 10.08.2020

Poonam & anr.

...Petitioners

Versus

State of Punjab & ors.

...Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE KARAMJIT SINGH

Present: Mr. G.S. Sidhu, Advocate,
for the petitioners.

Mr. Sukhbir Singh, AAG, Punjab,
for respondents No.1 to 3.

KARAMJIT SINGH, J. (ORAL)

The matter has been taken up by way of video conferencing in view of COVID-19 situation as per instructions issued.

This petition has been filed under Articles 226/227 of the Constitution of India seeking protection from private respondents No.4 to 7 on the ground that the petitioners intend to perform marriage against wishes of their parents and petitioner No.1-Poonam is minor being aged just 17 years.

Today, learned counsel for the petitioners has brought to the notice of the Court that the petitioners got married during the pendency of this petition on 17.07.2020 and even now they are apprehending threat at the hands of respondents No.4 to 7. Copy of the marriage certificate has been provided today through Whatsapp, which is taken on record.

This Court has time and again observed that age is no bar for providing protection to run away couples. The petitioners have already moved an application to respondent No.2-Senior Senior Superintendent of Police, Tarn Taran, for providing protection to their life and liberty.

Learned counsel for the petitioners as well as State have submitted that necessary direction be given to the aforesaid police official to look into the matter and decide the application (Annexure P-3), moved by the petitioners.

In the light of the aforesaid, this criminal writ petition is hereby disposed of with direction to respondent No.2- Senior Senior Superintendent of Police, Tarn Taran, to look into the matter and decide application (Annexure P-3), moved by the petitioners, in accordance with law, by passing a speaking order and if necessary, to provide proper security to the petitioners to protect their life and liberty from respondents No.4 to 7.

Nothing expressed hereinabove would be construed to be an expression of any opinion with regard to the validity of marriage of the petitioners.

10.08.2020
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(KARAMJIT SINGH)
JUDGE

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