

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB & HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

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CRWP-383-2020

Date of decision : 13th January, 2020

MANDEEP KAUR AND ANOTHER

.....Petitioner

Versus

STATE OF PUNJAB AND OTHERS

...Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SUVIR SEHGAL

Present: Mr. Gurpal Singh Sandhu, Advocate
for the petitioner.

SUVIR SEHGAL, J (ORAL)

Mandeep Kaur (petitioner No.1) claims to be 20 years old and Robindeep Singh son of Jagjit Singh (petitioner No.2) claims to be 20 years of age. Petitioner No.1 further claims that she is the natural daughter of Bhupinder Singh (respondent no.4) but was adopted by her maternal grandfather, namely, Balbir Singh (respondent no.8). The petitioners have pleaded that they have married against the wishes of respondents No.4 to 11 and seek protection to their life and liberty. They apprehend danger from respondents No.4 to 11. They have placed on record photographs, Annexure P-4, claiming that they married on 06.01.2020, as per Marriage Certificate Annexure P-3. The petitioners have submitted a representation Annexure P-5 to respondents No.2.

Learned counsel for the petitioners has relied upon the judgment of this Court passed by a Division Bench in LPA No.385 of 2016 titled as Elaichi and another Vs. State of Punjab and others, decided on

16.05.2016 and a judgment of Co-ordinate Bench of this Court passed in CWP No.17069 of 2019 titled as Kawaljeet Kaur and another Vs. State of Punjab and others, decided on 24.06.2019 to submit that even though boy was not of marriageable age, this Court had entertained their petitions for protection of their life and liberty.

Without entering upon an exercise to evaluate the evidentiary value of the documents placed on the file, the petition is disposed of with a direction to respondent No.2 to decide the representation of the petitioners, Annexure P-5 and grant them protection, if any threat to their life and liberty is perceived.

It is clarified that this order shall not be treated as a stamp of this Court for the marriage of the petitioners.

(SUVIR SEHGAL)
JUDGE

13.01.2020

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Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes/No

Whether reportable : Yes/No