

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB & HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

CRWP No.2031 of 2020
Date of decision:25.02.2020

Leena Shelkar and another ... Petitioners

Vs.

State of Punjab and others ... Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SUVIR SEHGAL

Present:- Mr. Amandeep Saini, Advocate
for the petitioners.

SUVIR SEHGAL, J. (Oral)

Leena Shelkar daughter of Y.R.Shelkar (petitioner No.1) claims to be 21 years and Akash Thakur son of Balbir Thakur (petitioner No.2) claims to be 20 years of age. They have pleaded that they have married against the wishes of respondents No.4 to 6 and seek protection to their life and liberty. They apprehend danger from respondents No.4 to 6. They have placed on record marriage certificate and photographs, Annexures P-4 and P-5, respectively evidencing their marriage. The petitioners have submitted a representation dated 22.02.2020, Annexure P-6 to respondents No.2 and 3.

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, I dispose of the petition with direction to respondent No.2 to decide the representation of the petitioners, Annexure P-6 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

February 25, 2020
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Whether Speaking/Reasoned	Yes/No
Whether Reportable	Yes/No