

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

Criminal Writ Petition No.3710 of 2020

Date of Decision: June 12 , 2020.

Reetu and another

..... PETITIONER (s)

Versus

State of Punjab and others

..... RESPONDENT (s)

CORAM:- HON'BLE MRS.JUSTICE LISA GILL

Present: Mr. Digvijay Nagpal, Advocate
for the petitioners.

LISA GILL, J.

Petitioners seek protection of their life and liberty as they apprehend danger at the hands of respondents No.4 and 5 and other relatives because they have married each other on 08.05.2020 against the wishes of the said respondents.

Learned counsel for the petitioners submits that he has identified the petitioners as per the documents attached. It is further submitted that they have solemnized marriage with each other out of their own free will and volition and that this is their first marriage. It is contended that the petitioners are major, dates of birth being 12.04.1999 and 12.08.1991, respectively. True copy of Aadhar Card of petitioner No.2 has been appended with the petition as Annexure P2. However, only an affidavit has been appended with this petition as Annexure P1 regarding the date of birth of petitioner as it is stated that she does not have any documentary proof regarding her age as the petitioners are on the run and the same are not readily available. A copy of the Marriage Certificate and the

photographs of the marriage are on record as Annexures P3 and P4, respectively. Petitioners, it is stated, have submitted representation dated 08.06.2020 (Annexure P5) to respondent No.2 i.e., the Senior Superintendent of Police, Rural, Jalandhar for redressal of their grievance but no action has been taken thereon.

Notice of motion to Advocate General, Punjab.

On the asking of the Court, Ms. Bhavna Gupta, DAG, Punjab accepts notice on behalf of respondents No.1 to 3. Advance copy of the petition stands served.

Without commenting upon the age of the petitioners or the validity of their marriage or the validity and genuineness of the certificates/documents appended with the petition, respondent No.2 – Senior Superintendent of Police, Rural, Jalandhar is directed to look into representation dated 08.06.2020 submitted by the petitioners and take appropriate action if any/as may be required, keeping in view the threat perception to the petitioners.

It is, however, made clear that this order shall have no effect on the validity of the alleged marriage of the petitioners and neither will any other civil or criminal proceedings initiated against the petitioners be barred due to this order.

Petition is disposed of accordingly.

June 12 , 2020.
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(LISA GILL)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned:	Yes/No
Whether reportable:	Yes/No