

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

**CRWP No.5483 of 2020 (O&M)
DECIDED ON : 31.07.2020**

Mandip Kaur and Anr.

...Petitioners

Versus

State of Punjab and Ors.

...Respondents

CORAM:- HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE GIRISH AGNIHOTRI.

Present:- Mr. Puneet Pali, Advocate for
Mr. Mohd. Salim, Advocate for the petitioners.

Mr. Saurav Khurana, DAG, Punjab.

GIRISH AGNIHOTRI, J. (ORAL)

The matter has been taken up through video-conferencing on account of lockdown due to outbreak of pandemic COVID-19.

Petitioner-Mandip Kaur and Prabhjot Singh, stated to be aged 34 & 20 years respectively, have jointly filed the present writ petition *inter alia* with a prayer for issuance of directions to respondents No. 2 to 4 to protect life and liberty of the petitioners from the hands of respondents No.5 to 10

Learned counsel for the petitioners submits that the petitioner No.1 is major, however, the petitioner No.2 is 20 years of age. Learned counsel relies on judgment of Delhi High Court in case titled as '*Jitender Kumar Sharma Vs. State and others, 2010(4) RCR (Criminal)*', that life and liberty of the petitioners is required to be protected, even if, the petitioner No.2 did not attain the age of 21 years.

Learned counsel for the petitioners submits that in this regard, a detailed representation dated 20.07.2020 (Annexure P-5) was submitted to respondent No.2-The Commissioner of Police, Jalandhar and respondent

No.3-The Senior Superintendent of Police (Rural), Jalandhar.

While refraining from making any expression as regards the veracity of the averments made in the petition, the petition is disposed of with a direction that in case the petitioners approach the police authorities concerned with above representation (Annexure P-5) with regard to the alleged threat perception, the same shall be got examined by respondent No.2-The Commissioner of Police, Jalandhar and respondent No.3-The Senior Superintendent of Police (Rural), Jalandhar, expeditiously in accordance with law and necessary steps as may be warranted under the facts and circumstances of the case be taken thereupon forthwith.

A copy of this order be sent to respondent No.2-The Commissioner of Police, Jalandhar and respondent No.3-The Senior Superintendent of Police (Rural), Jalandha, so as to enable the said authority to do the needful expeditiously.

Needless to say that the aforesaid order shall not be construed to be an expression as regards the validity of the alleged marriage of the parties.

(GIRISH AGNIHOTRI)
JUDGE

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Whether speaking/reasoned : YES/NO
Whether reportable : YES/NO