IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT CHANDIGARH.

CRWP-6625-2020
113 **Date of Decision: 01.09.2020.**

Jarman Singh and another ....Petitioners.

Versus

State of Punjab and others ....Respondents.

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CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SUVIR SEHGAL

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

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Suvir Sehgal, J. (Oral)

The Court has been convened through video conferencing due to Covid-19 pandemic.

Jarman Singh (petitioner No.1) claims to be 20 years and Sandeep Kaur (petitioner No.2) claims to be 17 years and 10 months of age. They have pleaded that they have married against the wishes of respondents No.4 to 7 and seek protection to their life and liberty. They apprehend danger from respondents No.4 to 7. They have placed on record photographs and marriage certificate, Annexure P-3 and P-4 respectively, evidencing their marriage according to Sikh rites and ceremonies. The petitioners have submitted a representation Annexure P-5 to Senior Superintendent of Police, Tarn Taran.

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

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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 directions to respondents 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)
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Whether speaking/ reasoned : Yes/ No

Whether Reportable : Yes/ No

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