

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

CRWP No.8007 of 2020

Date of Decision: October 06, 2020

Chumma Devi and another

...Petitioners

VERSUS

The State of Punjab and others

...Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE ARCHANA PURI

Present: Mr. Navraj Singh, Advocate,
for the petitioners.

ARCHANA PURI, J.(ORAL)

The matter has been taken up through video conferencing in the light of COVID-19 pandemic.

The present petition has been filed by the petitioners Chumma Devi and Barinder Singh to seek protection on account of marriage having solemnized by them on 30.09.2020.

In the petition, it is averred that both the petitioners are major and to so substantiate the factum of age, copies of Aadhar Card have been annexed with the petition as Annexures P-1 and P3 respectively. Even to so substantiate the factum of marriage, copy of marriage certificate as well as photographs have been annexed with the petition, which are Annexures P-5 and P-6 respectively. Both the petitioners are stated to be residing within the jurisdiction of this Court and now they apprehend danger to their lives and personal liberty at the instance of private

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respondent no.4, who is father of petitioner no.1. Further to so substantiate their averments, affidavits of both the petitioners have been annexed with the petition.

Notice of motion.

Ms. Bhavna Gupta, Assistant Advocate General, Punjab, accepts notice on behalf of the official respondents.

In view of the assertions, the present petition is disposed of with a direction to respondent Nos.2 and 3 to look into the matter and also to consider the representation dated 30.09.2020, copy whereof has been placed on record as Annexure P-7, and if they find that there is genuine apprehension of danger to the lives and personal liberty of the petitioners, then they are directed to take appropriate steps to ensure their protection, in the fitness of the circumstances.

However, these observations of mine are circumscribed only for the purposes of disposal of the present criminal writ petition without prejudice to the rights of the parties, to be adjudicated in any civil or criminal proceedings qua their age, factum of marriage and validity thereof.

Accordingly, the petition stands disposed of.

06.10.2020
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(ARCHANA PURI)
JUDGE

Whether speaking / reasoned? Yes
Whether reportable? Yes / No