

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

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**CRWP No. 9897 of 2020
Date of decision : 27.11.2020**

Arti and anotherPetitioners

Versus

State of Punjab and othersRespondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SUVIR SEHGAL

Present : Ms. Monu Khan, Advocate
for the petitioners.

SUVIR SEHGAL, J. (ORAL)

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

Arti (petitioner No.1) claims to be 22 years and Karanbir Singh (petitioner No.2) claims to be 20 years of age. They have pleaded that they have married against the wishes of respondents No. 4 and 5 and seek protection to their life and liberty. They apprehend danger from respondents No. 4 and 5. They have placed on record photographs, Annexure P-3, claiming that they married on 23.11.2020, but the Mandir did not issue any Marriage Certificate. The petitioners have submitted a representation dated 23.11.2020, Annexure P-4 to respondents No. 2-Senior Superintendent of Police, Kapurthala.

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 directions to respondent No.2-Senior Superintendent of Police, District Kapurthala to decide the representation of the petitioners, Annexure P-4 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.

27.11.2020
Rajeev (rvs)

(SUVIR SEHGAL)
JUDGE

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