

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

**CRWP No.10872 of 2020
Date of Decision: 24.12.2020**

Santoshi and another

Petitioners.

Versus

State of Punjab and others

Respondents

CORAM:- HON'BLE MRS.JUSTICE LISA GILL

Present: Mr. Kiranpal Rana, Advocate
for the petitioners.

Ms. Samina Dhir, DAG., Punjab.

LISA GILL, J.

This matter is being taken up for hearing through video conferencing due to the outbreak of the pandemic, COVID-19.

Present petition has been filed by the petitioners for protection of their life and liberty as they apprehend danger at the hands of respondents No.4 and 5 because they have married each other on 21.12.2020 against the wishes of the said respondents. Both the petitioners, it is submitted are major, of marriageable age and there is no impediment to their marriage.

Petitioners, it is submitted, have solemnised marriage with each other out of their own free will and volition and it is their first marriage.

It is contended that the petitioners are major, their dates of birth

being 03.08.2000 and 15.06.1999, respectively. True copies of Adhaar Cards of both the petitioners have been appended with the petition as Annexures P-1 and P-2, respectively. Copy of Marriage Certificate and photographs of the marriage are on record as Annexures P-3 and P-4, respectively. Petitioners, it is stated, have submitted representation dated 21.12.2020 (Annexure P-5) to respondent No.2 for redressal of their grievance but no action has been taken thereon.

Notice of motion to Advocate General, Punjab.

Ms. Samina Dhir, DAG., Punjab accepts notice on behalf of respondent-State. Advance copy of the petition already stands served.

Without commenting upon the age of the petitioners or validity of their marriage or validity and genuineness of the certificates/documents appended with the petition, respondent No.2—the Senior Superintendent of Police, District SAS Nagar, Mohali is directed to look into representation dated 21.12.2020 (Annexure P-5) 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 reiterated that there is no expression of opinion 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.

24.12.2020
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[LISA GILL]
Judge

Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes/No.

Whether reportable : Yes/No.