

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

**CRWP No. 1660 of 2021
Date of Decision: 18.02.2021**

Mehal Singh and another

Petitioners

Versus

State of Punjab and others

Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE AVNEESH JHINGAN

Present: Mr. Kulbir Singh Saini, Advocate for the petitioners.
Ms. Samina Dhir, DAG, Punjab.
Mr. Kuldeep Singh, Advocate for respondents No. 4, 5 & 7.

AVNEESH JHINGAN, J (Oral):

The matter is taken up for hearing through video conference due to COVID-19 situation.

This is a petition seeking protection of life and liberty of the petitioners as they had married against wishes of their parents. With the petition, aadhaar cards of the petitioners have been attached. The aadhaar card of petitioner No. 2 is being relied upon for the purpose of establishing her date of birth. The petitioners have attached a marriage certificate dated 15.2.2021. On a cursory look of the marriage certificate, it is visible that the date of birth of petitioner No. 2 has been tampered with. The date of birth earlier written was "20.8.2002", which with over-writing by pen has been made as "20.8.2003". It appears Petitioner No. 2 was minor at the time of marriage. The date of birth was got recorded at the time of marriage to

establish that she was major, later the year of birth was changed.

During the course of arguments, learned counsel for the petitioners was confronted with the said fact, he seeks permission to withdraw the present petition.

Dismissed as withdrawn.

[AVNEESH JHINGAN]
JUDGE

18th February, 2021
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| 1. Whether speaking/ reasoned | : | Yes / No |
| 2. Whether reportable | : | Yes / No |