

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

CRWP- 1886-2021 (O&M)

Date of Decision: 25.02.2021

Meenu and another

... Petitioners

Versus

State of Punjab and others

... Respondents

CORAM:- HON'BLE MS. JUSTICE JAISHREE THAKUR

Present:- Mr.M.D. Khan, Advocate
for the petitioners.

JAISHREE THAKUR, J. (Oral)

The petitioners claim themselves to be major. They have pleaded that they are though adults, however, are unable to perform marriage due to the fact that both can perform marriage when petitioner No. 2 will attain the mandatory age of 21 years. They are mutually attracted and are living together and wish to solemnize marriage on attaining the mandatory marriageable age by petitioner No. 2 and seek protection to their life and liberty. They apprehend danger from respondents No. 04 to 06. The petitioners have also submitted a representation dated 11.02.2021 i.e. Annexure P/3 to respondent No. 2.

Notice to the official respondents.

Mr. P. S. Walia, AAG, Punjab appearing through the medium of video conferencing accepts notice on behalf of the respondent-State.

Counsel for the petitioners is directed to send a complete copy of the paper-book on his *WhatsApp* number or e-mail id during the course of the day.

Without entering upon an exercise to evaluate the evidentiary value of the documents placed on the file and considering the fact that the petitioners are though adults but have stated to solemnize marriage on attaining the mandatory marriageable age by petitioner No. 2, be that as it may, I dispose of this petition with directions to respondent No.2 to decide the representation of the petitioners (Annexure P/3) within a period of one month from the date of receipt of a copy of this order and grant them protection, if any threat to their life and liberty is perceived. It is made clear that this order shall not be taken to protect the petitioners from legal action for violation of law, if any committed by them.

25.02.2021

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(JAISHREE THAKUR)

JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned
Whether reportable

Yes.
No.