

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH

(116)

CRWP-2744-2021

Date of decision: 18.03.2021

Pravat Kumar Patra and another

...Petitioners

Versus

State of Haryana and others

...Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SUVIR SEHGAL

Present:- Mr. Nirmal Singh, Advocate
for the petitioners.

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SUVIR SEHGAL, J. (Oral)

Pravat Kumar Patra son of Trilochan Patra (petitioner No.1) claims to be 18 years 7 months and Priyanka Sarangi daughter of Rabinarayan Sarangi (petitioner No.2) claims to be 18 years 1 month 21 days of age. Petitioner No.1 is not of marriageable age, though, he claims to have married petitioner No.2. However, no Marriage Certificate has been attached with the petition. 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 marriage photographs, Annexure P-4, claiming that they got married on 07.03.2021. The petitioners have submitted a representation dated 16.03.2021, Annexure P-5 to Superintendent of Police, District Kurukshetra.

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 to decide the representation of the petitioners, Annexure P-5 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.

(SUVIR SEHGAL)
JUDGE

18.03.2021
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Whether Speaking/Reasoned	Yes/No
Whether Reportable	Yes/No