

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

Sr. No.113

CRWP-3614-2021

Date of Decision:15.04.2021

MANJIT KAUR AND ANOTHER

...Petitioners

VERSUS

STATE OF PUNJAB AND OTHERS

...Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MRS. JUSTICE ARCHANA PURI

Present:- Mr. J.P. Dhull, Advocate for the petitioners.

ARCHANA PURI, J.

The matter has been taken up through video conferencing in the light of COVID-19 pandemic.

The present petition has been filed by the petitioners to seek protection, on account of marriage, having solemnized by them on 09.04.2021.

In the petition, it is averred that both the petitioners Manjit Kaur and Gurpreet are major and to so substantiate the factum of age, copies of Aadhar Cards of both the petitioners have been annexed with the petition as Annexures P-1 and P2 respectively. Further to substantiate the factum of marriage, copy of marriage certificate has been placed on record as Annexure P-3, which reveals about the marriage having performed by the petitioners on 09.04.2021. Both the petitioners are stated to be residing within the jurisdiction of this Court and now they apprehend danger to their lives and personal liberty at the instance of private respondent nos.4 to 7, who are parents and close relatives of petitioner no.1. Further to so substantiate their averments, joint affidavit of both the petitioners has been annexed with the petition.

Notice of motion.

Mr. Dhruv Dyal, Sr. Deputy Advocate General, Punjab, accepts notice on behalf of the official respondents.

In view of the assertions, the present petition is disposed of with a direction to respondent Nos.2 and 3 to look into the matter and also to consider the representation dated 09.04.2021, copy whereof has been placed on record as Annexure P-4, and if they find that there is genuine apprehension of danger to the lives and personal liberty of the petitioners, then they are directed to take appropriate steps to ensure their protection, in the fitness of the circumstances.

However, these observations of mine are circumscribed only for the purposes of disposal of the present criminal writ petition without prejudice to the rights of the parties, to be adjudicated in any civil or criminal proceedings qua their age, factum of marriage and validity thereof.

Accordingly, the petition stands disposed of.

(ARCHANA PURI)
JUDGE

15.04.2021

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Whether speaking/reasoned

Yes

Whether reportable

No