

Amandeep Kaur and another

...Petitioners

Versus

State of Punjab and others

...Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE AMOL RATTAN SINGH

Present:- Mr. Gagandeep Singh Bajwa, Advocate, for the petitioners.
Mr. Sidakmeet Singh Sandhu, AAG, Punjab.

AMOL RATTAN SINGH, J. (Oral)

By this petition, the petitioners seek protection of life and liberty at the hands of respondent no.4, i.e. mother of respondent no.1, and her other relatives, as they want to marry each other, against their wish.

Pursuant to the order dated 16.04.2021, learned State counsel submits that as per his instructions, the date of birth of petitioner no.1 was found to be 22.07.2002, with her therefore being about 18 years and 9 months old at the time that this petition was filed.

Petitioner no.2 was stated to have been born in December, 2001, thereby making him above 19 years of age.

That being so, with the petitioners both stated to be of the age of majority and with them intending to marry each other (as contended), especially with petitioner no.1 being above 18 years of age, there would be nothing for this court to say as regards denying the protection of life and liberty, which in any case is a fundamental right enshrined in Article 21 of the Constitution of India.

Consequently, this petition is disposed of with a direction to respondents no.1 to 3 to ensure that the life and liberty of the petitioners is duly protected as per law.

However, if on verification of the age of petitioner no.1 especially, she is found to be below 18 years of age, naturally this order would not preclude any proceedings as per law that may have been initiated.

April 27, 2021
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(AMOL RATTAN SINGH)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned : YES/NO
Whether Reportable : YES/NO