

**CRWP-4374-2021 (O&M)**

**THROUGH VIDEO CONFERENCE**

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

**CRWP-4374-2021 (O&M).  
Decided on: May 13, 2021.**

**Sumandeep Kaur and another**

**.. Petitioners**

**VERSUS**

**State of Punjab and others**

**.. Respondents**

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**CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE JASGURPREET SINGH PURI**

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**PRESENT        Mr.Mohit Kumar, Advocate,  
                      for the petitioners.**

**JASGURPREET SINGH PURI, J. (ORAL)**

Petitioners claim that they have attained majority and married against the wishes of their family members. Apprehending threat to their life and liberty, they have filed the present petition for protection.

Petitioners claim to have submitted a representation (Annexure P-4) dated 30.04.2021, in this regard to the Senior Superintendent of Police, Rural, Ferozepur.

Heard. Record perused.

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Notice of motion to the office of Advocate General,  
Punjab.

On asking of the Court, Mr.Sidakmeet Sandhu, AAG,  
Punjab, accepts notice on behalf of the State. Copy stands supplied.

The petitioners have placed on record the copy of Aadhar  
Cards (Annexures P-1 and P-2) as proof of their age and photographs as  
Annexure P-3, regarding performance of marriage.

Petitioner No.2 though major is not of marriageable age.  
However, validity or invalidity of marriage cannot be a ground for non-  
considering the grant of protection of life to an individual. Protection of life  
is distinguishable from protection of liberty.

This petition is disposed of with a direction to respondent  
No.3 - S.H.O., Police Station City Zira, District Ferozepur, that  
representation, if any, filed seeking protection of life, be looked into and  
contents thereof be duly verified and if necessary, requisite steps be taken,  
strictly in accordance with law for grant of protection of life to the  
petitioners. However, this order will not preclude the authorities from taking  
any action in accordance with law pertaining to child marriage.

It is made clear that this order shall not be treated as a  
stamp of this Court regarding marriage of the parties.

**May 13, 2021.**  
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**(JASGURPREET SINGH PURI)**  
**JUDGE**

Whether speaking / reasoned  
Whether reportable

Yes / No  
Yes / No