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

CRWP-11689-2021
Date of decision: 13.12.2021

Rama Devi and another **.....Petitioners.**

vs.

State of Punjab and others **.....Respondents.**

CORAM: - HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE AMOL RATTAN SINGH

Present: - Mr. Munish Puri, Advocate,
for the petitioners.

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Amol Rattan Singh, J.

Case heard by video conferencing.

By this petition, the petitioners seek protection of life and liberty at the hands of respondent no. 4, upon them having married each other (as contended) against the wishes of the said respondent, on 07.12.2021.

As regards proof of age of the petitioners, photocopies of their Matriculation (Class X) Examination Certificate Cum Detailed Marks Sheet, issued by the Punjab School Education Board, have been annexed as Annexure P-2 and Annexure P-4, showing them to be of marriageable age.

Consequently, since protection of life and liberty is a fundamental right of every citizen under Article 21 of the Constitution of India, without making any comment whatsoever on the validity of the marriage, or otherwise, this petition is disposed of with a direction to respondents no.2 and 3 to ensure that the lives and liberty of the petitioners are not put to any harm or threat at the hands of the aforesaid respondent, or at his behest.

However, it is made clear that if any of the averments made in the petition is found to be incorrect, specifically with regard to either the petitioners being in any prohibited relationship to each other, or as regards their previous marital status, or with regard to their age, this order shall not be construed to be a bar on proceedings initiated as per law.

(AMOL RATTAN SINGH)
JUDGE

13.12.2021

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