

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

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**CRWP No.12085 of 2021
Date of Decision: 23.12.2021**

Shabnam and another

..... Petitioners

Versus

State of Punjab and others

..... Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE AMOL RATTAN SINGH

Present: Mr. Ravi Malik, Advocate, for
Mr. Imran Farooqi, Advocate,
for the petitioners.

AMOL RATTAN SINGH, J. (ORAL)

By this petition, the petitioners seek protection of life and liberty at the hands of respondents no.4 to 7, upon them (petitioners) having married each other (as contended) against the wishes of the said respondents, on 10.08.2021.

On a specific query put to learned counsel for the petitioners, it has been stated that neither of the petitioners has been married earlier. He states that he has obtained specific instructions from the petitioners in that regard.

Consequently, since protection of life and liberty is a fundamental right of every citizen enshrined in 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 respondents, or at their behest.

By way of proof of age, only copies of the Aadhar cards of the petitioners have been annexed with the petition as Annexures P-1 and P-2 respectively, which is actually no proof, as no documentary proof is usually asked for at the time of applying for the Aadhar card or the issuance thereof.

Further, 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, this order shall not be construed to be a bar on proceedings initiated as per law.

December 23, 2021
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(AMOL RATTAN SINGH)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned	Yes
Whether Reportable	No