

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

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**CRWP No.12084 of 2021
Date of Decision: 23.12.2021**

Lalita Devi and another

..... Petitioners

Versus

State of Punjab and others

..... Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE AMOL RATTAN SINGH

Present: Mr. Raman Mohinder Sharma, 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 and 5, upon them (petitioners) having married each other (as contended) against the wishes of the said respondents, on 30.11.2021.

On a specific query put to learned counsel for the petitioners, it has been stated that neither are the petitioners in any prohibited relationship to each other, nor has any of them 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.

Though only copies of Aadhar cards of the petitioners have been

annexed with the petition by way of their proof of date of birth, with that actually being no such proof, however counsel for the petitioners has also produced in court today photocopies of education qualification certificates of the petitioners, by which they would seem to be above marriageable age.

However, it is made clear that if any of the averments made in the petition is found to be incorrect, and 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.

December 23, 2021
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(AMOL RATTAN SINGH)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned
Whether Reportable

Yes
No