

CRWP No.53 of 2022 (O&M)

Date of Decision: 17.05.2022

Janvi and another

...Petitioners

Versus

State of Punjab and others

...Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE GURVINDER SINGH GILL

Present: None for the petitioners.

Mr. Tanvir Joshi, AAG, Punjab assisted by ASI Ramesh Kumar.

GURVINDER SINGH GILL, J. (Oral)

1. The petitioners have approached this Court seeking issuance of a direction to official respondents to protect their lives and liberty as they apprehend threat to the same at the hands of private respondents having married against the wishes of their families.

2. In pursuance to order dated 07.01.2022, the State has filed reply as per which both the petitioners have been found to be of marriageable age. The petitioners having married out of their own free will cannot be said to have committed any offence so as to attract any offence under Prohibition of Child Marriage Act, 2006.

3. The reply filed on behalf of State is accompanied by the statements of both the petitioners, wherein it has been stated that they do not apprehend any sort of danger to their lives and do not seek any protection.

4. In view of the aforesaid position, the present petition is rendered infructuous and is disposed of as such. It is, however, made clear that if at a later stage, the petitioners apprehend threat to their lives and liberty, they would be at liberty to approach this Court again.

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(GURVINDER SINGH GILL)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned: **Yes/No**
Whether reportable: **Yes/No**