

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

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CRWP-899-2022

Date of Decision : **February 01, 2022**

MANPREET AND ANOTHER

.....Petitioners

VERSUS

STATE OF HARYANA AND OTHERS

.....Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE JASGURPREET SINGH PURI

Through Video Conferencing

Present : Mr. Arjun Atri, Advocate
for the petitioners.

JASGURPREET SINGH PURI. J. (Oral)

The present petition has been filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India seeking directions to respondents No.1 to 3 to protect the life and liberty of the petitioners from the hands of respondents No.4 to 15.

Petitioner No.2 is a boy of 20 years and 6 months of age. He is six months short from the marriageable age and they have married against the wishes of their family members. Apprehending threat to their life and liberty, they have filed the present petition for protection. Learned counsel for the petitioners has also relied upon the judgment of the Hon'ble Supreme Court in **Hardev Singh Vs. Harpreet Kaur & Ors. 2020 (1) RCR (Criminal) 238** to contend that even 18 years old boy can marry. The scope of the present petition is confined only to the grant of protection of life of the petitioners and does not pertain to the validity of marriage, irrespective of the age of any of the parties.

Petitioners claim to have submitted a representation (Annexure P-5) dated 27.1.2022 in this regard to the Superintendent of Police, Ambala.

Heard. Record perused.

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

On asking of the Court, Mr. Naveen Singh Panwar, DAG, Haryana present in the Court, accepts notice on behalf of the State. Copy supplied.

The petitioner No.1 has placed on record copy of Aadhar Card and copy of Secondary examination (Annexures P-1 and P-2) and petitioner No. 2 has placed on record copy of Aadhar Card (Annexures P-3) as proof of their age and copy of certificate (Annexure P-4) regarding performance of marriage.

This petition is disposed of with a direction to respondent No.3-SHO, Police Station Naggal, Distirct Ambala, that representation, if any, filed seeking protection of life and liberty, be got 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 and liberty to the petitioners. It is made clear that this order shall not be treated as a stamp of this Court regarding validity of marriage of the parties.

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(JASGURPREET SINGH PURI)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned.	:	Yes/No
Whether Reportable.	:	Yes/No