

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

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CRWP-8596-2022

Date of Decision : **September 07, 2022**

KUSUM AND ANOTHER

.....Petitioners

VERSUS

STATE OF HARYANA AND OTHERS

.....Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE JASGURPREET SINGH PURI

Present : Mr. T.K.Gupta, Advocate
for the petitioners.

JASGURPREET SINGH PURI. J. (Oral)

Learned counsel for the petitioners has submitted that petitioner No.1- girl is 21 years of age and petitioner No.2-boy is 20 years of age and they have solemnized marriage with each other with their own free consent and since the marriage is not acceptable to private respondents, they are apprehending imminent threat from the private respondents. He has also relied upon judgment of the Hon'ble Supreme Court in *Hardev Singh Vs Harpreet Kaur & Ors. 2020 (1) RCR (Criminal), 238.*

Petitioners claim that they have attained majority and married against the wishes of their family members. Apprehending threat to their life and liberty, they have filed the present petition for protection.

Petitioners claim to have submitted a representation (Annexure P-5) dated 3.9.2022 in this regard to the Senior Superintendent of Police, District Karnal.

Heard. Record perused.

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

On asking of the Court, Mr. Ranvir Singh Arya, Addl. Advocate General, Haryana present in the Court, accepts notice on behalf of the State. Copy supplied.

The petitioners have placed on record copies of Aadhar Cards of petitioner Nos.1 and 2 (Annexures P-1 and P-2) as proof of their age, copy of certificate (Annexure P-4) regarding performance of marriage and photographs (Annexure P-3).

This petition is disposed of with a direction to respondent No.3-SHO, Police Station Taraori, District Karnal 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 will not affect the validity of marriage of the parties.

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(JASGURPREET SINGH PURI)
JUDGE

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