

CRWP-12557-2023
DECIDED ON: 28.12.2023

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4. Both of them do appear to have crossed the age of majority as seen from the copies of documents filed and have married each other, in support of which Marriage Certificate (Annexure P-3), has placed on record.

5. For the aforesaid reasons, this appears to be a fit case for this Court to invoke the inherent powers under Section 482 of the Cr.P.C. and in view of the mandate contained in Article 21 of the Constitution of India to protect the citizen's right to life and liberty.

6. Thus, the Senior Superintendent of Police, Fazilka, is directed to consider the representation dated 21.12.2023 (Annexure P-4) and take appropriate steps to ensure that no harm is caused to the life and liberty of the petitioners.

7. It is nevertheless clarified that this order is issued only on the premise that the petitioners have crossed the age of majority as seen from the documents placed on record being their Aadhar Cards as Annexures P-1 and P-2. This would not *ipso facto* amount to granting any seal of approval on the legality of their marriage which essentially would come in the domain of the concerned Matrimonial Courts. Further, they would not be entitled for any protection against their arrest or continuance of any criminal proceedings, if otherwise, found to be involved in commission of any cognizable offence(s).

8. The petition is disposed of with the above directions.

(SANDEEP MOUDGIL)
JUDGE

28.12.2023

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Whether speaking/reasoned Yes/No
Whether reportable Yes/No