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IN THE PUNJAB AND HARYANA HIGH COURT AT  
CHANDIGARH

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CWP-91-2023 (O&M)  
Date of Decision: 27.08.2024

SATWINDER SINGH AND ANR.

... Petitioners

VERSUS

STATE OF HARYANA AND ANOTHER

... Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE VINOD S. BHARDWAJ.

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Present: None for the petitioners.

Mr. Suneel Ranga, DAG, Haryana.

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**VINOD S. BHARDWAJ, J. (ORAL)**

Challenge in the present petition is to the order dated 20.12.2022 passed by respondent No.2- Registrar (Marriage), Shahabad. District Kurukshetra whereby the respondents have declined to register the marriage of the petitioners.

Learned State Counsel submits that revised instructions have been issued by the Government of Haryana vide memo No.2/2/2022-ICRID dated 19.07.2024. The operative clauses thereof read thus:

“3.10 For registration of marriages solemnized before 2nd August 2022, the Registrar may proceed in accordance with the decision of the Honorable High Court of Punjab & Haryana in CWP 91 of 2023 Satwinder Singh and others vs. State of Haryana and others dated 02 November 2023, reproduced here: “age of the parties has to be seen on the date when the registration of marriage is sought, not on the date when solemnization of the marriage has taken place”. Similar orders have also been passed



*in few other cases by the Honorable High Court, namely CWP-4238 of 2008 titled as Baljit Kaur Boparai and others vs. State of Punjab and others, decided on 28.03.2009 and CWP-22586 of 2014 titled as Bhupinder Singh and others vs. State of Punjab and others, decided on 12.01.2015.*

*3.11. In view of the above, for registration of marriages solemnized before 2nd August, 2022, wherein the bride and the bridegroom had not completed the age of 18 years and 21 years respectively as on the date of solemnization of marriage, then the bride should have completed 18 years of age and Bridegroom should have completed 21 years of age at the time of filing the application for registration of their marriage.”*

There is no representation on behalf of the petitioners today.

However, in view of the specific revised instructions, the present petition is hereby disposed of as having been rendered infructuous.

The petitioners may, if so advised, submit an appropriate application to the Competent Authority for seeking registration of their marriage. The Competent Authority shall thereafter take appropriate steps to do the needful in accordance with law and in light of abovementioned revised instructions.

All other misc. application(s), if any, also stand(s) disposed of accordingly.

**AUGUST 27, 2024**  
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**(VINOD S. BHARDWAJ)**  
**JUDGE**

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