

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

Criminal Misc. No. 55271-M of 2007

Date of decision: 31.12.2007

Gurpinder Kaur and another

...Petitioners

Versus

State of Punjab and others

...Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE RAJESH BINDAL

Present: Mr. A.S.Sivia, Advocate for the petitioners.

RAJESH BINDAL, J.

Prayer made in the present petition is for protection of life and liberty of the petitioners, who had married against the consent of their parents. Both the parties are present in Court. Petitioners have appended a copy of Marriage Certificate (Annexure P-3) issued by Gurudwara Shri Kalgidhar Singh Sabha (Regd.), Kotli Road, Mukatsar (Punjab). As per certificate Annexure P-1 issued by the Punjab School Education Board, the date of birth of petitioner no. 1 is September 12, 1988 and she was more than 18 years of age on the date of marriage which according to the petitioners was solemnized on November 12, 2007. They are apprehending their arrest and also harassment by the police and family members of petitioner no.1, as they were not agreeable to the marriage.

Learned counsel for the petitioners contends that both the petitioners are major and have married against the wishes of their parents and as such they are fearing threat to their life and liberty. They had already approached Senior Superintendent of Police, Faridkot but no action has been taken by him.

Accordingly, the instant petition is disposed of with the direction to Senior Superintendent of Police, Faridkot to see that in case there is any threat to the life and liberty of the petitioners, he should take appropriate action to protect the same.

**December 31, 2007
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**(Rajesh Bindal)
Judge**