

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

Crl. Misc. No.55289-M of 2007

Date of Decision: 31.12.2007

Meena Kumari & another

.... Petitioners

versus

State of Punjab & others

.... Respondents

Before: Hon'ble Mr. Justice Rajesh Bindal.

Present: Mr. N.K. Verma, 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-2) issued by Shiv Mandir Rally (Regd.) Rally, Sector 12-A, Panchkula, Haryana. As per identity card (Annexure P-3) issued by the Election Commission of India, the age of petitioner No.1 as on 1.1.2003 is 18 years and she was more than 18 years of age on the date of marriage which according to the petitioners was solemnised on December 26, 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 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, Jalandhar but no action has been taken by him.

Accordingly, the instant petition is disposed of with the direction to Senior Superintendent of Police, Jalandhar 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.

31.12.2007
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(Rajesh Bindal)
Judge