

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

**Criminal Misc. No. 55291-M of 2007**

Date of decision: 31.12.2007

**Mandeep Kaur and another**

**...Petitioners**

**Versus**

**State of Punjab and others**

**...Respondents**

**CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE RAJESH BINDAL**

Present: Mr. Veneet Sharma, Advocate for the petitioners.

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**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 photographs of their Marriage (Annexure P-1). As per certificate Annexure P-2 issued by the Central Board of Secondary Education, the date of birth of petitioner no. 1 is September 11, 1979 and she was more than 18 years of age on the date of marriage which according to the petitioners was solemnized on December 19, 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 working as teachers in the same school i.e. Govt. Elementary School, Othian, Chugawan-II Block, Amritsar and have married against the wishes of their parents and as such they are fearing threat to their life and liberty.

Accordingly, the instant petition is disposed of with the direction to Superintendent of Police, Amritsar that in case the petitioners move an application before the aforesaid authority to provide protection to their life and liberty, the same shall be disposed of with a detailed speaking order and if required, necessary protection be provided to the petitioners.

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