

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

Crl. Misc. No. M-9066 of 2009

**Date of decision: 31.3.2009**

Gurpreet Singh and another

..... Petitioners

Versus

State of Punjab and others

..... Respondents

Present: Mr. Sandeep Arora, Advocate for the petitioners.

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**S.S. SARON, J.**

Both the petitioners had a liking for each other and they have solemnized their marriage amongst themselves on 13.3.2009 at Dera Baba Natha Singh Ji Shaheed, village Kandola Kalan, Tehsil Phillaur, Distt. Jalandhar. The marriage certificate (Annexure P7) and the photographs (Annexures P3 to P6) of the marriage have been placed on record. The petitioners informed respondents No.4 and 5 who are the brothers of petitioner No.2 and respondent No.6 who is the mother of petitioner No.2 respectively about their marriage. However, being an inter caste marriage, it was not to their liking. They held out threats to the family members of petitioner No.1 and threatened them to restore the custody of petitioner No.2. Otherwise, they would be implicated in some false case. Therefore, the petitioners apprehending danger in view of the attitude of respondents No.4 to 6, submitted an application dated 24.3.2009 (Annexure P8) to the Senior Superintendent of Police, Jalandhar (respondent No.2) for providing them police protection and for taking action against respondents No.4 to 6 so that they do not unnecessarily interfere in their married life. Despite the said application, the threat persists.

Both the petitioners, it is stated, are major. The date of birth of petitioner No.1 as per his passport (Annexure P1) is 28.5.1979. The date of birth of petitioner No.2 as per her matriculation certificate (Annexure P2) is 4.4.1977. Therefore, it is submitted that the petitioners have solemnized their marriage with their own free will and desire and they are liable to be protected.

Both the petitioners are present in Court and are identified by their counsel. It is submitted by petitioner No.1 that she has solemnized her marriage with petitioner No.2 of her own free will and without any kind of pressure or undue influence. It is also submitted that she is happy with her marriage and none of the petitioners were earlier married.

Keeping in view the facts and circumstances of the case, the criminal miscellaneous petition is disposed of with a direction to respondents No.2 and 3 that in case the petitioners approach any of them setting out their grievances as have been made in the present petition, the same would be looked into by them independently and in accordance with law.

**(S.S. SARON)**  
**JUDGE**

**March 31, 2009**  
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