

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB & HARYANA  
AT CHANDIGARH

CRWP No.2668 of 2019  
Date of decision:31.12.2019

Santa and another ... Petitioners

Vs.

State of Haryana and others ... Respondents

**CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE Suvir Sehgal**

Present:- Mr. Saransh Sabharwal, Advocate  
for the petitioners.

**Suvir Sehgal J. (Oral)**

Santa daughter of Dharampal (petitioner No.1) claims to be 18 years and Rakesh son of Krishan Chand (petitioner No.2) claims to be 20 years of age. They have pleaded that they have married against the wishes of respondents No.5 to 8 and seek protection to their life and liberty. They apprehend danger from respondents No.5 to 8. They have placed on record photographs, Annexure P-4, claiming that they married on 26.12.2019, but the Mandir did not issue any Marriage Certificate. The petitioners have submitted a representation dated 26.12.2019, Annexure P-5 to respondents No.2 to 4.

Learned counsel for the petitioners has relied upon the judgment of this Court passed by a Division Bench in **LPA No.385 of 2016 titled as Elaichi and another Vs. State of Punjab and others, decided on 16.05.2016** and a judgment of Co-ordinate Bench of this Court passed in **CWP No.17069 of 2019 titled as Kawaljeet Kaur and another Vs. State**

**of Punjab and others, decided on 24.06.2019** to submit that even though boy was not of marriageable age, this Court had entertained their petitions for protection of their life and liberty.

Without entering upon an exercise to evaluate the evidentiary value of the documents placed on the file, I dispose of the petition with directions to respondents No.2 to 4 to decide the representation of the petitioners, Annexure P-5 and grant them protection, if any threat to their life and liberty is perceived.

It is clarified that this order shall not be treated as a stamp of this Court for the marriage of the petitioners.

**(SUVIR SEHGAL)  
JUDGE**

**December 31, 2019**  
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Whether Speaking/Reasoned Yes/No

Whether Reportable Yes/No