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

Criminal Misc.No.M-25754 of 2016 (O&M)

Date of decision: 28th July, 2016

Khushbu Devi and another

...Petitioners

Versus

State of Punjab and others

...Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICEINDERJIT SINGH

Present: Mr. Arunjeet Singh Kakkar, Advocate, for the petitioners.

INDERJIT SINGH, J.

Petitioners have filed this petition under Section 482 Cr.P.C. for issuance of directions to respondent Nos.1 to 3 to protect their life and liberty and to provide adequate security to protect them from respondent Nos.4 to 9, who are father, brother etc. of petitioner No.1. The petitioners, who are present in Court today, further contend that they being major have solemnized marriage with their own consent in accordance with law. The private respondent are not accepting the marriage of the petitioners and are extending threats to them. The copy of birth certificate (Annexure P-1) of petitioner No.1, copy of 'Adhar' card (Annexure P-2) of petitioner No.2, copy of marriage certificate (Annexure P-3) and photographs (Annexure P-4) of the , have been placed on record.

Without going into the validity of the marriage, the present petition is disposed of with the directions to the petitioners to contact respondent Nos.2 and 3, who, after their satisfaction that the petitioners are actually facing threat, shall take necessary steps to protect the life and liberty of the petitioners from private respondent Nos.4 to 9, as per law.

However, it is made clear that this order, in no way, will affect any other proceedings pending or to be filed against the petitioners etc., which are to be dealt with independently as per law.

28th July, 2016

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(INDERJIT SINGH)

JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned

Yes

Whether reportable

No