

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

**CRWP No.3758 of 2020 (O&M)
Date of Decision.15.06.2020
(Heard through VC)**

Seema Rani and another

...Petitioners

Vs

State of Punjab and others

...Respondents

CORAM:HON'BLE MS. JUSTICE JAISHREE THAKUR

Present: Mr. Talwinder Singh, Advocate
for the petitioners.

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JAISHREE THAKUR J. (ORAL)

The petitioners claim themselves to be major. They have pleaded that they have married against the wishes of respondents No.4 & 5 on 09.06.2020 and seek protection to their life and liberty. They apprehend danger from respondents No.4 & 5. They have placed on record photographs Annexure P-3 evidencing their marriage. The petitioners have also submitted a representation dated 09.06.2020 (Annexure P-5) to respondent No.2 but no action has been taken so far.

Notice of motion.

On the asking of Court, Mr. Gaurav Dhuriwala, Sr. DAG., Punjab, who is present through the medium of Video Conferencing, accepts notice for the official respondents. Counsel for the petitioners is directed to e-mail a complete copy of paper book to the counsel appearing for the State during the course of day.

Without commenting on the validity of the marriage allegedly performed by the petitioners and entering upon an exercise to evaluate the evidentiary value of the documents placed on the file, I dispose of this

petition with direction to respondent No.2 to decide the representation of the petitioners (Annexure P-5) within a period of one week from the date of receipt of a copy of this order and grant them protection, if any threat to their life and liberty is perceived. It is made clear that this order shall not be taken to protect the petitioners from legal action for violation of law, if any committed by them.

(JAISHREE THAKUR)
JUDGE

June 15, 2020
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Whether speaking/reasoned Yes/No

Whether reportable Yes/No