

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB & HARYANA AT CHANDIGARH

**Criminal Writ Petition No.5739 of 2020
Date of decision : 10.08.2020**

Ritu and another

.....Petitioners

versus

State of Punjab and others

...Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ANIL KSHETARPAL

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

ANIL KSHETARPAL, J. (ORAL)

Ritu and Dharam Pal, the petitioners before the court, claim themselves to be major. They have pleaded that they have married against the wishes of respondent No.4 to 8 and seek protection to their life and liberty. They apprehend danger from respondent no.4 to 8. They have placed on record photographs, Annexure P-4, evidencing their marriage. The petitioners have submitted a representation dated 04.08.2020, Annexure P-5, to respondent no.2.

Without entering upon an exercise to evaluate the evidentiary value of the documents placed on the file, this court disposes of the present petition with directions to respondent no.2 to decide the representation of the petitioners, Annexure P-5, within a period of one month 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.

Mr. V.G.Jauhar, Sr. DAG, Punjab, has stated that respondent

no.4 to 8 have already suffered statements before the concerned Investigating Officer that they will not interfere in the married life of the petitioners.

August 10, 2020
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(ANIL KSHETARPAL)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes/No
Whether reportable : Yes/No