

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

(Heard through VC)

CRWP No.5830 of 2020 (O&M)
Date of Decision: August 13, 2020

Sandeep Kaur and another

...Petitioners

Versus

State of Punjab and others

...Respondents

CORAM:- HON'BLE MS. JUSTICE JAISHREE THAKUR

Present:- Ms. Rachna Jain, Advocate
for the petitioners.

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 to 6 and seek protection to their life and liberty. They apprehend danger from respondents No.4 to 6. They have placed on record photographs of their marriage (Annexure P/3) evidencing their marriage. The petitioners have also submitted a representation dated 05.08.2020 (Annexure P/4) to respondent No.2, but no action has been taken so far.

Notice of motion.

On the asking of the court, Ms. Rashmi Attri, AAG Haryana, who is present through the medium of Video Conferencing, accepts notice for the official respondents. Counsel for the petitioners is directed to send a complete copy of the paper book on whatsapp number of the counsel

appearing for the State during the course of the day.

At this stage, Ms. Amarinder Kaur, Advocate puts in appearance on behalf of respondents No.4 to 6 and submits that in fact, no marriage has been solemnized between the parties.

I have heard learned counsel for the parties.

Be that as it may, considering the fact that the petitioners herein are major, they are entitled to protection of their life and liberty under Article 21 of the Constitution of India. At this stage, without entering upon an exercise to evaluate the evidentiary value of the documents placed on the file, I dispose of this petition with directions to respondent No.2 to decide the representation of the petitioners (Annexure P/4) 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.

August 13, 2020

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JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned

Yes

Whether reportable

No