

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

**CRWP-5741-2020(O&M)
Date of decision: 10.08.2020**

Shilpa Rani and another

.....Petitioners

Versus

State of Punjab and others

.....Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ANIL KSHETARPAL

Present:- Mr. H.S.Batth, Advocate for the petitioners
Mr. V.G.Jauhar, Sr., DAG, Punjab
Mr. Jasvir Singh Dhaliwal, Advocate for the private respondents

ANIL KSHETARPAL, J. (ORAL)

Shilpa Rani and Sandeep Singh, the petitioners before the Court, claim themselves to be major. They have pleaded that they have married against the wishes of respondent No.4 and 5 and seek protection to their life and liberty. They apprehend danger from respondent No.4 and 5. They have placed on record photographs, Annexure P-3, evidencing their marriage. The petitioners have submitted a representation dated 3.8.2020, Annexure P-4, to respondent No.2.

Without entering upon an exercise to evaluate the evidenciary 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-4, 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.

Learned State counsel has brought to the notice of the Court that respondent no.4 and 5 have given a statement before the police that they will not interfere in the married life of the petitioners.

Disposed of.

10.08.2020

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Whether speaking/reasoned

Whether Reportable

(ANIL KSHETARPAL)

JUDGE

Yes / No

Yes / No