

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

Criminal Writ Petition No.6581 of 2020

Date of decision : 31.08.2020

SHIKHA SHUKLA AND ANOTHER

.....Petitioners

versus

STATE OF PUNJAB AND OTHERS

...Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ANIL KSHETARPAL

Present: Mr. Chander Shekhar Singhal, Advocate for the petitioners

ANIL KSHETARPAL, J. (ORAL)

Shikha Shukla and Love Kumar, the petitioners before the Court, claim themselves to be major. However, the petitioner no.2-Love Kumar is short of 21 years of age. They have pleaded that they have married against the wishes of respondent No.4 and seek protection to their life and liberty. They apprehend danger from respondent no. 4. They have placed on record photographs, Annexure P-5, evidencing their marriage. The petitioners have submitted a representation dated 26.8.2020, Annexure P-6, 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-6, 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.

August 31, 2020

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Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes/No

Whether reportable : Yes/No

**(ANIL KSHETARPAL)
JUDGE**