

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

CRWP-8306-2020 (O&M)
Date of decision: 12.10.2020

Jota Rani and another ...Petitioners

Versus

State of Punjab and others ...Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ANIL KSHETARPAL

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

Ms. Samina Dhir, DAG, Punjab.

ANIL KSHETARPAL, J. (ORAL)

Jota Rani and Dharminder 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 to 6 and seek protection to their life and liberty. They apprehend danger from respondent no.4 to 6. They have placed on record Marriage Certificate, Annexure P-4, evidencing their marriage. The petitioners have submitted a representation dated 07.10.2020, 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 present 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.

12.10.2020

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**(ANIL KSHETARPAL)
JUDGE**

Whether speaking/reasoned:- Yes/No

Whether reportable:- Yes/No