

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

**Criminal Writ Petition No.9104 of 2020
Date of decision : 04.11.2020**

Richa Sharma and another

.....Petitioners

versus

State of Punjab and others

...Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE ANIL KSHETARPAL

Present: Mr. Virender Singh, Advocate
for the petitioners

ANIL KSHETARPAL, J. (ORAL)

Richa Sharma and Manjeet Singh, the petitioners before the court, claim themselves to be major. It has been pleaded that they have married against the wishes of respondent No.4 to 9 and seek protection to their life and liberty. They apprehend danger from respondent no.4 to 9. They have placed on record photographs, Annexure P-4, evidencing their marriage. The petitioners have submitted a representation dated 30.10.2020, 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 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.

04.11.2020

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**(ANIL KSHETARPAL)
JUDGE**

Whether speaking/reasoned : Yes/No

Whether reportable : Yes/No