

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

**CRWP No.9270 of 2020 (O&M)
Date of Decision.11.11.2020
(Heard through VC)**

Sukhraj Singh and another

...Petitioners

Vs

State of Punjab and others

...Respondents

CORAM:HON'BLE MS. JUSTICE JAISHREE THAKUR

Present: Mr. Deepak Arora, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Amit Mehta, DAG, Punjab.

Mr. J.S. Gill, Advocate
for respondent No.4.

JAISHREE THAKUR J. (ORAL)

The petitioners herein have pleaded that they have solemnized marriage 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 Annexure P-3 evidencing their marriage. The petitioners have also submitted a representation dated 04.11.2020 (Annexure P-4) to respondent No.2 but no action has been taken so far.

Learned counsel for the petitioner would contend that petitioner No.2 was a minor on the date she solemnized marriage but as on date i.e. 11.11.2020, she has turned major.

Learned counsel appearing for respondent No.4 would submit that FIR has already been registered against petitioner No.1, however, parents of petitioner No.2 seek an opportunity to meet their daughter.

Petitioner No.2 appeared through video conferencing before this Court. She expressed her happiness in marriage and declined to meet her parents.

Without commenting on the validity of the marriage allegedly performed by the petitioners and entering upon an exercise to evaluate the evidentiary value of the documents placed on the file, I dispose of this petition with direction 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.

(JAISHREE THAKUR)
JUDGE

November 11, 2020
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Whether speaking/reasoned Yes/No

Whether reportable Yes/No