

**IN THE HIGH COURT FOR THE STATES OF PUNJAB AND
HARYANA AT CHANDIGARH
(Heard through VC)**

CRWP No. 9568 of 2020 (O&M)

Date of Decision: 19.11.2020

Meenakshi Kalra and another

...Petitioners

Versus

State of Punjab and others

...Respondents

CORAM:- HON'BLE MS. JUSTICE JAISHREE THAKUR

Present:- Mr. GK Moudgil, Advocate
for the petitioners.

JAISHREE THAKUR, J. (Oral)

The petitioners claim themselves to be major. They have pleaded that they have married against the wishes of respondents No. 4 to 7 and seek protection to their life and liberty. They apprehend danger from respondents No. 4 to 7. They have placed on record photographs Annexure P/5 evidencing their marriage. The petitioners have also submitted a representation dated 15.11.2020 (Annexure P/7) to respondent No. 2.

Notice of motion.

On the asking of the court, Ms. Samina Dhir, DAG, Punjab, who is present through the medium of Video Conferencing, accepts notice for the official respondents. Learned counsel for the petitioners is directed to send a complete copy of the paper book on whatsapp number of the counsel appearing for the State during the course of the day.

I have heard learned counsel for the parties.

Without 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/ 7) within a period of one month 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.

Disposed of with the aforesaid directions.

19.11.2020
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(JAISHREE THAKUR)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned
Whether reportable

Yes
No