

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

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CRWP-714-2021

Date of decision: 25.01.2021

Shanti Devi and another

..... Petitioners

Versus

State of Punjab and others

... Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE SUVIR SEHGAL

Present: Mr. Rajesh Bhateja, Advocate for the petitioners.

SUVIR SEHGAL, J. (ORAL)

The Court has been convened through video conferencing due to Covid-19 pandemic.

Shanti Devi and Manoj Kumar, the petitioners before this Court, claim to be of marriageable age. They have pleaded that they have married 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 Marriage Certificate and photographs, Annexures P-3 and P-4, respectively, evidencing their marriage. The petitioners have submitted a representation, (Annexure P-5) to the Senior Superintendent of Police, Fatehgarh Sahib.

Without entering upon an exercise to evaluate the evidentiary value of the documents placed on the file, the petition is disposed of with a direction to respondent No.2 to decide the representation of the petitioners, Annexure P-5 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.

**(SUVIR SEHGAL)
JUDGE**

25.01.2021

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Whether speaking/reasoned	:	Yes/No
Whether reportable	:	Yes/No