

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

CRWP No.4632 of 2021 (O&M)

Date of Decision: 02.06.2021

(Heard through VC)

Anjali and another

...Petitioners

Versus

State of Punjab and others

...Respondents

CORAM:- HON'BLE MS. JUSTICE JAISHREE THAKUR

Present:- Mr. L.S. Lakhanpal, Advocate
for the petitioner.

Mr. Bhupender Beniwal, AAG, Punjab.

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 & 5 and seek protection to their life and liberty. They apprehend danger from respondents No.4 & 5. They have placed on record marriage certificate (Annexure P-3) evidencing their marriage. The petitioners have also submitted a representation dated 15.05.2021 (Annexure P-4) to respondent No.2 but no action has been taken so far.

On the last date of hearing, a direction was issued to record statements of the petitioners by the police official not below the rank of the Deputy Superintendent of Police and further it was directed that in case a request is made by the petitioners to provide them a safe house, the same may be provided.

Learned counsel appearing on behalf of the respondent-State pleads no instructions in the said matter.

This Court instead of awaiting for a report from the State and 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, disposes 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 and further provide them safe shelter in case any request is made on behalf of the petitioners. 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

June 02, 2021
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Whether speaking/reasoned	Yes/No
Whether reportable	Yes/No