

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

CRWP-5784-2021

Date of Decision: June 25, 2021

Priya Devi and another

.....Petitioners

Versus

State of UT and others

.....Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE RAJESH BHARDWAJ

Present: Mr.Nirbhay Singh Gill,Advocate
for the petitioners.

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RAJESH BHARDWAJ, J. (ORAL)

Matter has been taken up through video conferencing via Webex facility in the light of the Pandemic Covid-19 situation and as per instructions.

Present petition has been filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India for directing respondents no.2 and 3 to protect the life and liberty of the petitioners from the hands of respondents no.4 to 12.

Learned counsel for the petitioners states that both the petitioners are major and have married against the wishes of respondents no.4 to 12 and have sought protection to their life and liberty. They apprehend danger from respondents no.4 to 12. Their marriage certificate and marriage photographs evidencing their marriage are on record as Annexures P-4 & P-5, respectively. The petitioners have submitted a representation dated 21.6.2021 (Annexure P-6) to respondent no.2.

Notice of motion to respondents no.1 to 3-State only.

On the asking of the Court, Mr. Viranjeet Singh Mahal,

Addl.P.P., UT, accepts notice on behalf of the State.

Without entering upon an exercise to evaluate the evidentiary value of the documents placed on the file, I dispose of the petition with a direction to respondent no.2- Senior Superintendent of Police, UT, Chandigarh, to decide the representation (Annexure P-6) of the petitioners 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. This order would not be understood having expressed any opinion whatsoever by this Court on the validity of the marriage of the petitioners.

Disposed of.

June 25, 2021
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(RAJESH BHARDWAJ)
JUDGE

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| 1. Whether speaking/reasoned ? | Yes/No |
| 2. Whether reportable ? | Yes/No |