

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

CRWP No.11574 of 2021 (O&M)  
Date of Decision: December 09, 2021

Devraj Katoch and another

...Petitioners

Versus

U.T. Chandigarh and others

...Respondents

**CORAM:- HON'BLE MS. JUSTICE JAISHREE THAKUR**

Present:- Mr. Sarvesh Kumar Gupta, 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 and 5 and seek protection to their life and liberty. They apprehend danger from respondents No.4 and 5. They have placed on record marriage certificate (Annexure P/3) and photographs of marriage (Annexure P/4) evidencing their marriage. The petitioners have also submitted a representation dated 03.12.2021 (Annexure P/5) to respondent No.2, but no action has been taken so far.

Notice of motion to the official respondents.

At this stage, Mr. Ankur Bali, APP, U.T., Chandigarh, who is present in court, accepts notice on behalf of the official respondents. Counsel for the petitioners is directed to supply adequate copies of the paper book to the counsel appearing for the State during the course of the day.

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 directions to respondent No.2 to decide the representation of the petitioners (Annexure P/5) 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.

**December 09, 2021**

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**(JAISHREE THAKUR)  
JUDGE**

Whether speaking/reasoned

Yes

Whether reportable

No