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

CRWP-12160-2021

Date of Decision: 23.12.2021

VANITA AND ANR

.... Petitioners

Versus

STATE OF PUNJAB AND ORS

.... Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MS. JUSTICE JAISHREE THAKUR

Present:- Ms. Jaspreet Kaur, Advocate, for
Mr. Surmeet Singh Sandhu, 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 marriage certificate (Annexure P-4) evidencing their marriage. The petitioners have also submitted a representation dated 21.12.2021 (Annexure P-5) to respondent No.2, but no action has been taken so far.

Notice of motion to the official respondents only at this stage.

At this stage, Ms. Rashmi Attri, AAG, Punjab, who is present in Court, accepts notice on behalf of the official respondents.

Let adequate copies of the paper book be supplied to her during the course of 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.

(JAISHREE THAKUR)
JUDGE

23.12.2021

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Whether speaking/reasoned:	Yes/No
Whether Reportable:	Yes/No