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

**CRWP-453-2022**

Date of Decision: 18.01.2022

(Heard through VC)

CHANDNI SINGH SENGAR AND ANR

.... Petitioners

Versus

STATE OF PUNJAB AND OTHERS

.... Respondents

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

Present:- Mr. Shakti Mehta, Advocate, for the petitioners.

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**JAISHREE THAKUR.J (Oral)**

The petitioners claim themselves to be major. Petitioner No.1 is a Hindu girl now converted to Muslim religion and petitioner No.2-boy is Muslim. They have pleaded that they have performed nikah against the wishes of respondents No.4 & 5. They apprehend danger from them and seek protection to their life and liberty. They have placed on record marriage certificate/Nikah Nama (Annexure P-3) evidencing their nikah. The petitioners have also submitted a representation dated 13.01.2022 (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, Mr. A.S.Gill, Senior DAG, Punjab, has put in appearance through the medium of video conferencing and accepts notice on behalf of the official respondents.

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

Without commenting on the validity of the nikah 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 submitted by 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**

**18.01.2022**

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