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

**CRWP-550-2022**

Date of Decision: 20.01.2022

(Heard through VC)

MANPREET SINGH AND ANR

.... Petitioners

Versus

STATE OF PUNJAB AND OTHERS

.... Respondents

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

Present:- Mr. Ravinder Singh Bassi, Advocate,  
for the petitioner.

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**JAISHREE THAKUR.J (Oral)**

The instant criminal writ petition has been filed under Article 226 of the Constitution of India for issuance of a writ in the nature of mandamus directing respondents No.1 to 3 to protect the life and liberty of the petitioners at the hands of respondents No.4 and 5.

The petitioners claim themselves to be major. Petitioner No.1- boy is 24 years of age, whereas the lady petitioner No.2 is 62 years of age. She appears to be a foreign national. They have married against the wishes of respondents No.4 and 5, relatives of petitioner No.1. They apprehend danger at their hands and seek protection to their life and liberty. They have placed on record marriage certificate (Annexure P-3) evidencing their marriage. Petitioner No.1 has 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, Ms. Rashmi Attri, AAG, Punjab, who is present through the medium of video conferencing, 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 submitted by petitioner No.1 (Annexure P-5) within a period of one week from the date of receipt of a copy of this order and grant protection to the petitioners, 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**

**20.01.2022**

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