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

CRWP-793-2022

Date of Decision: 28.01.2022

(Heard through VC)

MUSKAN RANI AND ANOTHER

.... Petitioners

Versus

STATE OF PUNJAB AND OTHERS

.... Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MS. JUSTICE JAISHREE THAKUR

Present:- Mr. Naresh Paul Chandel, 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. They apprehend danger from them 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 24.01.2022 (Annexure P-4) 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. Gunkirat Kaur, 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-4) 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.

At this stage, appearance has been caused by Mr. Jaswinder Singh, Advocate, through the medium of video conferencing, on behalf of respondents No.4 and 5. He has also filed memorandum of appearance, which is taken on record. He has made a limited prayer that the parents of petitioner No.1 i.e. respondents No.4 and 5, may be permitted to meet their daughter.

Respondent No.2-Senior Superintendent of Police, Mansa, who has to look into the representation of the petitioners, may look into the prayer of the private respondents No.4 and 5 and permit them a meeting if the petitioners are so inclined.

(JAISHREE THAKUR)
JUDGE

28.01.2022
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Whether speaking/reasoned: Yes/No
Whether Reportable: Yes/No