

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

(Heard through VC)

CRWP No.1289 of 2022 (O&M)

Date of Decision: February 11, 2022

Ruchi Verma and another

...Petitioners

Versus

State of Punjab and others

...Respondents

CORAM:- HON'BLE MS. JUSTICE JAISHREE THAKUR

Present:- Mr. Karan Choudhary, 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/4) and photographs of marriage (Annexure P/5) evidencing their marriage. The petitioners have also submitted a representation dated 08.02.2022 (Annexure P/6) to respondent No.2, but no action has been taken so far.

Notice of motion to the official respondents only.

At this stage, Mr. A.S. Gill, Sr. DAG Punjab, who is appearing through the medium of Video Conferencing, accepts notice on behalf of the official respondents. Counsel for the petitioners is directed to send a

complete copy 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/6) 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.

February 11, 2022
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(JAISHREE THAKUR)
JUDGE

Whether speaking/reasoned
Whether reportable

Yes
No