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

CRWP-11917-2021

Date of Decision: 07.01.2022

(Heard through VC)

RAJBIR KAUR AND ANOTHER

.... Petitioners

Versus

STATE OF PUNJAB AND OTHERS

.... Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MS. JUSTICE JAISHREE THAKUR

Present:- Mr. Gautam Kaile, Advocate,
for the petitioners.

JAISHREE THAKUR.J (Oral)

Petitioner No.1 girl claims herself to be major, whereas petitioner No.2 boy is below marriageable age though a major. They have pleaded that they have married against the wishes of respondents No.4 to 9. They apprehend danger from them and seek protection to their life and liberty. They have placed on record photographs (Annexure P-3) evidencing their marriage. The petitioners have also submitted a representation dated 13.12.2021 (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, Mr. Balbir Singh Sewak, Additional Advocate General, 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 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-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.

(JAISHREE THAKUR)
JUDGE

07.01.2022

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Whether speaking/reasoned: Yes/No

Whether Reportable: Yes/No