

In the High Court of Punjab and Haryana, at Chandigarh**Criminal Writ Petition No. 6383 of 2023****Date of Decision: 28.06.2023**

Bandhana and Another

... Petitioner(s)

Versus

State of Punjab and Others

... Respondent(s)

CORAM: Hon'ble Mr. Justice Anil Kshetarpal.

Present: Ms. Hasan Kaur, Advocate
for the petitioner(s).

Mr. Ramdeep Partap Singh, Senior Deputy Advocate General,
Punjab, for the respondent No.1 to 3.

Anil Kshetarpal, J.

1. Bandhana and Sebastian, the petitioners before this Court, claim themselves to be major. It has been pleaded that they have married against the wishes of the respondent No. 4 and 5 and seek protection to their life and liberty. They apprehend danger from the respondent No.4 and 5. They have placed on record marriage certificate (Annexure P4) evidencing their marriage. The petitioners have submitted a representation dated 26.06.2023 (Annexure P6) to the respondent No.2.

2. Without entering upon an exercise to evaluate the evidentiary value of the documents placed on the file, this Court disposes of the writ petition with directions to the respondent No.2 to decide the representation of the petitioners (Annexure P6) within a period of one month 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.

June 28, 2023
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(Anil Kshetarpal)
Judge

Whether speaking/reasoned :Yes/No

Whether reportable : Yes/No