

In the High Court of Punjab and Haryana, at Chandigarh

Criminal Writ Petition No. 12581 of 2024

Date of Decision: 27.12.2024

Rahimat Begam and Another

... Petitioner(s)

Versus

State of Punjab and Others

... Respondent(s)

CORAM: Hon'ble Mr. Justice Anil Kshetarpal.

Present: Mr. Manish Gilhotra, Advocate
for the petitioner(s).

Mr. Manmeet Singh Teji, Assistant Advocate General,
Punjab, for respondents No.1 to 3.

Anil Kshetarpal, J.

1. Rahimat Begam and Laadi Singh, 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 seek protection to their life and liberty. They apprehend danger from the respondent No.4. They have placed on record marriage certificate (Annexure P3) evidencing their marriage. The petitioners have submitted a representation dated 18.12.2024 (Annexure P4) 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 P4) 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.

December 27, 2024

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(Anil Kshetarpal)
Judge

Whether speaking/reasoned :Yes/No

Whether reportable : Yes/No