

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA AT
CHANDIGARH

Crl. Misc. No. M-19692 of 2015
Date of decision: 11.06.2015

Anchal Sharma and anotherPetitioner(s)

Versus

State of Punjab and others ...Respondent(s)

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE G.S.SANDHAWALIA

Present: Mr. S.K.Virk, Advocate, for the petitioners.

G.S.SANDHAWALIA, J. (Oral)

1. The present petition has been filed under Section 482 Cr.P.C. seeking direction to respondent Nos. 2 and 3 to provide protection to the life and liberty of the petitioners at the hands of respondent Nos. 4 to 8 and not to harass and interfere in the peaceful married life of the petitioners.

2. It has been averred that both the petitioners are major and have solemnized marriage against the wishes of the private respondents. The date of birth of petitioner No.1 is 14.05.1995 and a copy of the Secondary Education Certificate to that effect is attached as Annexure P/1 and the date of birth of petitioner No.2 is 21.04.1992 and a copy of the Matriculation Examination Certificate is attached as Annexure P/2. The marriage of the petitioners was solemnised on 11.05.2015 according to Sikh rites and a copy of the Marriage Certificate is attached as Annexure P/3 and photographs of the marriage ceremony are attached as Annexures P/4. The petitioners belong to different caste/community. They are apprehensive that the private respondents would interfere in their married life and that their safety, life and liberty is at threat. The

petitioners have made representation to respondent No.2 on 25.05.2015 (Annexure P/5) for the protection of their life and liberty at the hands of respondents No.4 to 8.

3. After hearing counsel for the petitioners and without expressing any opinion on the merits of the case or the validity of the marriage and the age of the petitioners and keeping in view the binding precedent of the Hon'ble Apex Court in *Lata Singh Vs. State of U.P. and another 2006(2) SCC (Criminal) 478*, the present petition is disposed of with direction to respondents no. 2 and 3 to look into the said issue upon the representation (Annexure P/5) made to respondent No.2 and take necessary action in accordance with law and provide protection, if required.

11.06.2015
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(G.S. SANDHAWALIA)
JUDGE