

IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB & HARYANA AT
CHANDIGARH

Crl.Misc. No.M-13083 of 2016

Date of decision: April 18,2016

Meena Khan and another

..... Petitioners

Versus

State of Punjab and ors.

.... Respondents

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CORAM: HON'BLE MR.JUSTICE HARINDER SINGH SIDHU

**Present: Mr. Vikram Sheoran, Advocate
for the petitioners.**

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HARINDER SINGH SIDHU, J.

The present petition has been filed under Section 482 Cr.P.C. seeking direction to respondent Nos. 1 to 3 to provide protection to the life and liberty of the petitioners at the hands of private respondents No.4.

It has been averred that the date of birth of petitioner No.1 is 18.08.1996 and of petitioner No.2 is 05.05.1988. Copies of the affidavits with regard to their age proof are attached as Annexures P-1 and P-2 respectively.

It is averred in the petition that the marriage of the petitioners was solemnized on 12.04.2016 according to Muslim rites. The photographs of marriage ceremony are attached as Annexure P-3(Colly.). Private respondent No.4 is opposed to the marriage, as the petitioners had performed the marriage without his consent. The petitioners have submitted representation dated 12.04.2016 (Annexure P-4) to respondent No. 2 seeking protection of their life and liberty at the hands of the private respondent.

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 v. State of U.P. And another, 2006(2) SCC (Criminal) 478,** the present petition is disposed of with direction to respondent No.2 to look into the representation (Annexure P-1) in accordance with law.

(**HARINDER SINGH SIDHU**)
JUDGE

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