

IN THE PUNJAB & HARYANA HIGH COURT AT CHANDIGARH

Crl.Misc. No.M-21566 of 2016

Date of decision : 20.06.2016

Laxmi and another

... Petitioners

Versus

State of Punjab and others

... Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARINDER SINGH SIDHU

Present: Mr.Sukhdev Singh Gopera, Advocate
for the petitioners.

HARINDER SINGH SIDHU, J.

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 private respondents No.4 to 6.

It has been averred that the petitioner No.1 was born in the year 1992 and petitioner No.2 in the year 1995. Copies of the certificates 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 17.06.2016 according to Hindu rites. The photographs of marriage ceremony are attached as Annexure P-4(Colly.). Private respondents No.4 to 6 are opposed to the marriage, as the petitioners had performed the marriage without their consent. The petitioners have submitted representation dated 17.06.2016 (Annexure P-5) to respondent No. 2 seeking protection of their life and liberty at the hands of the private

respondents.

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-5) in accordance with law.

(HARINDER SINGH SIDHU)
JUDGE

June 20, 2016.
Davinder Kumar