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**IN THE HIGH COURT OF PUNJAB AND HARYANA
AT CHANDIGARH**

CRM-M-21615-2016 (O&M)
Date of Decision: June 21, 2016

Parminder Singh and another

...Petitioners

Versus

State of Punjab and others

...Respondents

CORAM: HON'BLE MR. JUSTICE HARINDER SINGH SIDHU

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Present: - Mr.Ajay Pal Singh Rehan, Advocate
with 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 respondents Nos.2 and 3 to provide protection to the lives and liberty of the petitioners at the hands of private respondents No.4 to 10.

It has been averred that the date of birth of petitioner No.1 is 10.9.1986 and date of birth of petitioner No.2 is 15.7.1992. Copies of Passport of petitioner No.1 and Aadhaar Card of petitioner No.2 to this effect are attached as Annexures P-1 and P-2 respectively.

It has been submitted that the marriage of the petitioners was solemnized on 18.6.2016 according to Sikh rites at Gurdwara Akalgarh Sahib, Village Karor Kalan, Tehsil and District Mohali. The photographs of marriage and certificate of marriage are attached as Annexure P-3 (colly) and P-4, respectively. Private respondents No.4 to 10 are opposed to the marriage, as the petitioners had performed the marriage without their consent. The petitioners have submitted representation dated 19.6.016 (Annexure P-5) to the Senior Superintendent of Police, Gurdaspur - respondent No.2 seeking protection of their lives 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 said issue and take necessary action in accordance with law.

At this stage, Ld. Counsel for the petitioners states that the relatives of the petitioner No.2 are present outside the Court Room and there is imminent danger to their lives, if they leave the court premises without any security cover. He accordingly, prays that proper security escort be provided to the petitioners to enable them to appear before respondent No.2.

In these circumstances, the Senior Superintendent of Police, Chandigarh is directed to make proper security arrangements to enable the petitioners to reach their native place and appear before respondent No.2. If required, arrangements may be made for their overnight stay at a suitable protection home in Chandigarh.

Constable Amita along with Constable Naib Singh who are present in Court would escort the petitioners outside the Court and ensure adequate security to the petitioners meanwhile. Copy of the order be supplied to her as also to the Ld. Counsel for the petitioners under the signatures of the Special Secretary of the Bench.

Petition stands disposed of accordingly.

June 21, 2016

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(HARINDER SINGH SIDHU)
JUDGE